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Program puts youths at bat

GC Police launching baseball team for Kirkpatrick residents

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Ten-year-old Jeff Jones and 9-year-old David Kilmer will play ball this summer, thanks to a program implemented by the Granite City Police Department.

The program targets youths ages 9 to 11 who live in Kirkpatrick Homes, a subsidized housing complex.

"We have an opportunity to reach out to our youth, many of whom are at a critical crossroads in their lives. These young people deserve a chance because they are what constitutes our tomorrow," said Major Kip Pomeroy of the Granite City Police Department.

"The kids can't wait to put on their uniforms and compete. They are excited."

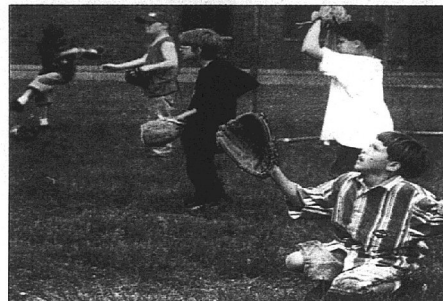
Tony Merz
Granite City police officer

This month the youths will begin playing for a Bantam

One Baseball League at Wilson Park. The program, which has yet to be named, focuses on athletics, alternatives to violence, role models and improving literacy.

To improve literacy, a satellite library, to be used in conjunction with the main library, is expected to be in place at Kirkpatrick Homes this summer. More than 100 children will have access to an on-site library in the recre-

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Mike Heil photo
Larry Turner, foreground, keeps his eye on the ball as friends watch.

Buses catch on

Ridership rolling to county record

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Ridership in the Madison County Transit District appears to be heading to a record high this year.

Director of Operations Todd Plesko said during Thursday's MCT Board meeting that with three months left in its fiscal year, the district has carried slightly more than 1.3 million passengers. Last year's total ridership was 1.6 million.

Plesko said final numbers for the fiscal year, which ends June 30, should be about 1.8 million.

In 1998, most of the riders—1.49 million—used fixed-route, or normal bus service. The remaining 118,895 used the dis-

"Part of that growth has been the absorption of Bi-State routes."

Todd Plesko
Director of operations

trict's door-to-door service. So far this year, 1.2 million have used fixed-route service, and 82,189 used door-to-door.

He also said that MCT's takeover of almost all the fixed-route service has allowed it to be more efficient and to save money.

"Part of that growth has been the absorption of Bi-State routes," he said.

From 1989 to 1998, the last year for which complete fig-

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A colorful celebration



Shirley Valencia photo
Ashley Spohr and Zeb Moor doing the Jaraba Tapito Mexican hat dance recently at a Granite City Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Olympians shine

Athletes take part in 'special' games

By Linda N. Weller
Staff writer

It was hard to tell which shone the brightest Saturday the smiles of 606 Special Olympians, the medals they won or the welcome May sunshine.

Bright and early, athletes ages 8 to 60 converged on Ralph

Korte Stadium at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville for a day of competition in more than 20 track and field events.

The biggest event, the softball throw, attracted 200 competitors.

"I like the weather; it's fun," said one 17-year-old shot putter and mile-runner named Monica, who lives at Hoyleton Youth and Family Services in

"They don't get upset when they lose; they just hug each other."

Tim Lowrance
Southwestern area director of the Special Olympics

Washington County Jennifer, 14, a fellow Hoyleton competitor, was proud of her gleaming silver medal hanging on a blue and yellow ribbon that she got for the 100-meter walk.

"I thought I was going to win; I practiced," she said, munching an orange section.

Kathleen Brown, a Hoyleton therapist who accompanied the group of 16 residents, said watching the athletes and sit-

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New column debuts

'Family Matters' offers parenting solutions

By Dan Barger
Staff writer

Being a parent at the end of the 20th century is a challenging responsibility, filled with uncertainty and subject to everyday pressures. The same holds true for our children.

The tragedy in Littleton, Colo., has put family matters sharply into focus. Nothing in recent memory has caused parents and children to talk about issues of life and death, school violence and family values. Teenagers, many for the first time, are reading newspapers, news magazines and watching TV reports about their peers at Columbine High School.

Many "experts" in the media are attempting to fix the blame for the Littleton killings and for the rash of bomb threats and gun incidents that have followed in its wake. The list is a long one,

with everything from parents, the media, the Internet, Hollywood and the gun culture receiving a share of the blame.

Rather than fix the blame, it's time to fix the problem. The dialogue between parents and their kids is healthy. We need to keep talking.

Today, the Journal begins publishing a column called "Family Matters," by Dennis O'Brien, a licensed clinical social worker, educator and therapist. The column is designed to be interactive, encouraging parents and kids to share what works in their families. We hope schools will take the opportunity to tell us what works in the classroom.

Will we find a reason for what causes some kids to strive for success in the classroom and on the playing field, while the goal of others is to blow up their school? Not likely. We hope the column at least brings focus to the serious issues families address every day.

10 women honored as Women of Achievement



Rick Graefe photo
The 10 Women of Achievement honored Monday are, from left: (front row) June Fowler, Peggy Ritter, Mary Ann Krey, Judy Gall and Janet Becker. (Back row), Virginia Klein, Marsha Greenstreet, Lorri Latimer, Dorothy Barnard and Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

More than 400 others recognized since 1955

By Nancy L. Ide
Staff writer

The silvery tones of a trumpet fanfare and thunderous applause greeted the 1999 Women of Achievement at the annual luncheon where the recurring theme was women volunteering to make a difference.

"It has been our privilege to be a part of this,"

said Tom Rice, president and chief executive officer of the Suburban Journals, a sponsor of the event. "You all serve as excellent role models for our daughters and youth everywhere."

The 44th annual Women of Achievement award ceremony was Monday at the St. Louis

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We know how to improve schools, strengthen families

The horror of Littleton, Colo., more than anything in recent memory, has provided a wake-up call for the need to strengthen our families and our communities.



Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

This weekly forum, called "Family Matters," will explore issues and propose constructive alternatives.

We plan to look at the bigger picture — not just the risk of our children being victims of suicidal killers, but the more certain jeopardy of coming to age in a toxic cultural and social environment.

Although shocked and saddened by Littleton, we are not helpless. There is much we know about how to strengthen families, raise healthier children and make schools safer.

We hope you will actively participate in our "Family Matters" dialogue. Topics we will explore in the coming weeks include:

- the ready access children have to firearms and explosives;
- the encouragement children get from movies, songs and the media to use weapons;
- the growing alienation of many children from adults who could nurture and guide them;
- the anger that builds when one clique of children targets another with scorn and invectives;
- the paranoia and rage that bolster

children's fragile egos; and

- the failure of adults to use all the resources at their disposal.

Safe schools involve a blend of improved security measures and effective, ongoing communication between authorities and potential troublemakers. But what is the right blend for your child's school? There are levels of violence in schools well short of the Littleton carnage which threaten our children on a daily basis and must be vigilantly addressed.

How do we help children, who know or suspect troublesome things about classmates, speak to authorities with confidence that their warnings will be heard, kept confidential and acted upon?

Much has been said in the aftermath of Littleton about parents assuming real responsibility for their children, and this must occur. But what is the responsibility of parents to notify authorities and other parents about troubling behavior by children other than their own?

The Littleton killers wore uniforms to signal their alienation, but their message was ignored. We certainly cannot afford to miss any more such messages. Adults need to engage disaffected children in dialogue and try to understand what they are attempting to communicate.

Then there is the issue of the costumes themselves. Do parents have the right to forbid their children to wear or even own certain costumes? Should they? If the Nazi and gothic looks are forbidden, what about kids wearing beer ads or Megadeth T-shirts? Many schools

find strict dress codes or even uniforms helpful.

Perhaps it's not so surprising the Littleton killers assembled weapons at home and stored them in the privacy of their own rooms. Some experts tell parents to allow children total privacy in their rooms, and teens often declare their rooms off limits to the family. But whose room is it, anyway? There are similar issues about privacy concerning the use of computers, cable television and Internet access. How much freedom can a responsible parent allow a child?

Although they slaughtered at random, the Littleton killers apparently nursed a special hatred of athletes and minorities. What about our children? Do they reach out and include others who are different, or do they stigmatize and berate them? What can we do to make all our schools warmer and our children more compassionate?

The integrity of family life is undermined by the economic necessity for two-career parents, the frightful mobility of teens with cars, the ready accessibility of alcohol and drugs, and the decline of extended family support. Regular family dinners, parental presence at home after school, good communication and family fun are frequent casualties of the pressured lives we lead. How can loving, well-intended parents who have become less connected to their children's lives create the families they envision?

Discipline is a special challenge. Children — especially teenagers — need clear limits. They need rules that are clear and

consequences that hold them accountable for their actions, especially when they involve intoxicants, curfew and unhealthy friendships. All in all, it's a daunting challenge, but there are solid grounds for optimism.

Though burdened with many responsibilities not of their own creation, many schools and families are functioning splendidly and have much to teach the rest of us, as do experienced professionals looking for an opportunity to be heard.

We have the wisdom and the human resources to do better, and now that six school homicides over the past 18 months have focused national attention on these issues, we all know we must. Working together, we can improve the quality of life for all our children. Certainly you can make a difference for your own families.

We encourage readers to contribute questions and suggestions by writing to me at the Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo., 63131, or via e-mail at web@suburbanjournals.net.

So clip this column. Put it in your pocket, post it at work, use it as the basis for lunch-time conversations. Discuss it with your spouse each week, use it as a jumping-off point to think through the things you want to improve for your family, and let us know what works for you.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis.

GCHS coop program holds silver anniversary banquet

Partnership lets students experience working world

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

Granite City High School's Cooperative Education Program held its 25th annual off-campus education banquet April 19 at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus.

GRANITE CITY banquet thanked employers for their participation and recognized participating students.

About 175 people, including parents, business associates, board members and students, attended. They heard retired Granite City High School teacher and cooperative coordinator Don Shaffer speak about many of the program's benefits.

The program has been a success, said cooperative education coordinator Linda Haddox, because businesses have given their time and energy to aid students with work-based learning opportunities that emphasize education and prepare them to make a successful transfer

from high school to the workplace.

The transition is made easier by business supervisors providing guidance at training sites, allowing students to learn and gain valuable experience, skills and knowledge.

Haddox said the business community and the school district will continue to work with each other to build a solid business-education partnership that will provide the best work-based learning opportunities for students in the community.

The program features a variety of work-related training, especially in fields related to office occupations, tourism and areas of hospitality.

"I am glad that there are opportunities for potential graduates to get a feel for the working world."

Amy Turner
GCHS Cooperative Education student

Tashia Hicks, cooperative education student working at Fashion Bug, has found the program to be beneficial.

"Cooperative (education) has given me the opportunity to get started in the workplace early. I would recommend this program to other students," Hicks said.

Amy Turner, a cooperative education student working in the Granite City Board of Education offices, added, "It has helped me greatly with working skills in the business field."

"I am glad that there are opportunities for potential graduates to get a feel for the working world."

Medicine Shoppe sponsoring disease event

By Mike Heil
Staff writer

The Granite City Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy will participate in a national event to raise awareness of women's health issues and to educate consumers about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the pharmacy, 1529 Johnson Road. Bone mineral density screening will be available for \$20.

The pharmacy will offer free written osteoporosis risk assessments to help people learn disease prevention; provide free colorectal cancer take-home test kits to screen for hidden blood in the stool, a possible indication of colon or rectal cancer; give bone mineral

density screenings to measure a person's bone density and distribute free information bags about the disease.

Osteoporosis is a calcium deficiency in bone that leads to decreased density and strength. It is widespread in the United States and northern Europe and is considered to be the main cause for hip, vertebrae and wrist fractures.

The disease affects 28 million Americans, 80 percent of whom are women.

Nancy Schwartz, vice president of Medicine Shoppe International Inc. in Dublin, Ohio, said that since employees at more than 600 Medicine Shoppe pharmacies have undergone special training on osteoporosis, they can help educate those at risk and help monitor treatments for those who have the condition. "With the help of local Medicine Shoppe pharmacies, this is a great way for women to learn about a disease that is prevalent to them," Schwartz said.

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Lincoln Tech students visit Springfield

18 meet with area's state legislators, promote adult education

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Students and teachers from Venice-Lincoln Technical Center on Thursday met with legislators and saw state government in action.

VENICE

About 18 people from the school went to Springfield as part of Adult Education and Literacy Week. In addition to meeting legislators and sightseeing, they manned a booth about the school in the capitol building. Peter Ponce, interim

director of VLTC, said students told him the trip was "wonderful."

"They need to see how government operates," Ponce said. "Sometimes government is a term way out there where there is never any contact with them. The other thing is to realize that their senators and representatives are approachable about things that affect our lives."

The students came from all the different programs offered at VLTC. Each year, about 475 students enroll in programs.

Classes in subjects ranging from GED to welding vary in length from four weeks to nine months, and those who complete the courses are prepared for entry-level jobs.

Ponce said events such as Adult Education and Literacy Week are very important for the school.

"We have a high concentration of people on public assistance," he said.

Continuing adult education classes enable them to learn skills and enter the job

market.

The school offers both general education and job training programs. General education programs include GED, basic skills and pre-GED courses, and family education and literacy.

Job training programs include clerical skills, retailing, hospitality, machine shop, welding, certified nurse assistant, basic electrocardiography and phlebotomy.

For information about the school, call 874-7792.



Scott Cousins photo
Venice-Lincoln Technical Center students prepare to board a bus for a trip to Springfield as part of Adult Education and Literacy Week.

Title fund sponsoring seminar

Attorney's Title Guaranty Fund Inc. will host a seminar on "Title Insurance Fundamentals: Basic Forms and Procedures" from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville.

Program speakers are Sandra A. Allfrey, training and development manager; August R. Butera, corporate counsel; Robin D. Watts, staff attorney; and underwriters Cathie M. Moorhouse and Teresa L. Coffman.

There is no charge for ATG members, but the non-member cost is \$20, which includes a continental breakfast.

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Madison County's toll-free hotline for students concerned about violence in their schools had a minor glitch Friday, but by Monday morning the service was working perfectly, officials said.

MADISON COUNTY

"In fact, we just got our first referral today at 3 p.m.," Steve Bowker, superintendent of the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center, said on Monday. "It was in Granite City. It might have been a threat of a weapon being brought to school, just a casual comment in gym class or something."

"The caller wanted to remain anonymous. We expect most of them will," he said.

The call was handled according to plan, Bowker said.

"We have a standard referral form to ask a series of questions," he said. "When the referral is complete, we inform the caller that it will be forwarded to the police department and the school involved."

The Granite City Police Department could not verify Monday that a referral had been received.

Bowker said that it will take time to break in the new system. "I think the state's attorney will get some information to the police departments as to what to expect and how each case will be handled, and (Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry) Briggs' office will write to the schools to inform

them," Bowker said.

Bowker is concerned about getting the telephone number out to students. It is expected to be published on posters and bookmarks, he said.

"That toll-free number is (888) 656-5500."

"We had some problems late last week," said Darrell McGibany, director of probation and court services for Madison County. "The line was in place by midweek, and the telephone was hooked up on Friday."

"For all practical purposes, it was in by Friday." However, it was discovered over the weekend that the line was not able to receive incoming calls, though it did provide a dial tone.

David Whipple, the county's 911 coordinator, made a call Monday morning to clear up the line problem.

"Apparently, when they installed the line, they crossed a wire or something," Whipple said. "I was under the impression it was working last week."

McGibany said the toll-free number was set up as a separate function of the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center. A separate telephone line was installed, and a telephone unit was connected to that line.

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The establishment of the hotline was announced by Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa at a news conference last week in the aftermath of the Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colo., that claimed the lives of 14 students and a teacher. Papa, a former teacher, said the Colorado killings deeply disturbed him. "As an educator of 33 years, the tragedy got to my heart," he said. Papa said he consulted with Briggs and State's Attorney Bill Haine to discuss possible solutions.

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Happy Mother's Day

Moms all know—Life's a chair of bowlies

Mary Engelbreit's big business keeps getting bigger all the time

By LaRita Marie Hee
Correspondent

For Mary Engelbreit, entrepreneur extraordinaire, life is a dream come true. "I'm living my dream," she said.

As many mothers today have, Mary has spent the majority of her career working out of her home.

She laughs when asked how she's managed to be both artist and mom—often simultaneously—for the past several years.

"Some days, I'd focus on my children, some days, I'd focus on work," she said. "I had to prioritize, and then, halfway through the day, prioritize again."

While her family has adjusted well, and her husband has been an essential main player in the business, it took a great amount of resiliency and dedication, on her part, to tackle the roles of mom and artist/entrepreneur.

"There's no good way to have a full-time job (at home), when you have kids," she admitted with a laugh.

But she's the first to admit, sometimes getting what she wished for can be a bit overwhelming.

"There was a year or so that was really hard. I wanted to grow the business, but it grew fast, and there were some

"We're the cutting edge of cute. But not necessarily the cutting edge of commerce."

Gregory Hoffmann
CEO, Mary Engelbreit Studios

growing pains," Engelbreit said. Still, Mary puts little stock in waiting for the "right time" to do something.

"So many people say, 'As soon as we have this much money,' or 'As soon as the kids are gone.' I can pretty much guarantee, it's not going to happen that way," she said. "You have to make it happen—it works out."

Engelbreit's belief in dreams, and her passion for drawing, kept her going when things got tough.

"I never thought of giving up," she said. "It's what I wanted to do as a child. It's what I love to do."

Engelbreit's lifelong love of art began when she was old enough to hold a pencil, according to her mother, Mary Lois Engelbreit.

Even when it was determined that Mary Engelbreit's eyesight was weak, her artistic endeavors never slowed.

The young, budding artist apprenticed herself after her favorite childhood storybook illustrators, such as Johnny

Grueille, known for creating Raggedy Ann and Andy; Jessie Wilcox Smith; and Joan Walsh Anglund.

Quickly, she was composing her own illustrations. At the age of 8, Engelbreit began to create the image which has become familiar to her fans—"Ann Estelle."

Named for Engelbreit's maternal grandmother, the character has become known as her trademark alter ego.

After working for ArtMart, a St. Louis art supply store, Engelbreit spent a brief time as an editorial cartoonist for an area newspaper. At the same time, she began pursuing her interests by free-lancing.

In 1977, with encouragement from her husband, Phil Delano, Engelbreit visited New York, portfolio in hand, and was promptly dismissed with one essential bit of advice—try greeting cards. Her first licensing deal came from selling three greeting card designs for \$150.

Mary's business grew steadily, after that first greeting card licensing deal. She made the decision to

produce and sell her own line of cards while eight-months pregnant, with a 3-year-old son at home.

In 1985, Mary returned to New York, with 12 cards, to attend the National Stationary Show. This time, her talent was not overlooked and she immediately signed with a publisher to license her artwork on calendars, for which she would receive a small royalty payment.

By the following year, retail sales of her card designs were in excess of \$1 million a year. Shortly thereafter, she licensed the greeting card rights to Sunrise Publications. Later that year, her husband left his position as a social worker, and jumped in to help her with the business.

Before long, her product line expanded to more than 500 items, including calendars, T-shirts, mugs, playing cards and gift books.

The rest, as they say, is history. Retail sales in 1997 were \$90 million; in 1998, they were \$100 million.

About 14 million Mary Engelbreit greeting cards are sold annually.

Walking into Mary Engelbreit Studios has the effect of stepping into a scene out of the classic movie "The Shop Around the Corner."

It's surreal, yet conversely familiar. Her now-famous print, "Life is a Chair of Bowlies," a typically Engelbreit-esque twist on the common turn of phrase, "Life is a bowl of cherries," appears, in one form or another, throughout the building.

Upon entering the studio, the first thing immediately apparent is an actual chair, filled with stacked "bowlies," alongside a table holding a bowl of cherries.

It would be easy, seeing such a bustling, yet somehow serene place of business, to forget

that it is, indeed, a place of business. Her products, including books, dolls, jewelry, health care uniforms, sleepwear, kitchen accessories and home accents, are now in excess of 1,000.

Throughout her career, she has created approximately 2,000 pieces of artwork.

When Gregory Hoffmann joined the company as chief executive officer just over two years ago, he knew Engelbreit was headed for even greater success.

"We realized there were many people in the country who wanted to hear Mary's message," Hoffmann said. "She's a brilliant person. Her (artwork) is a combination of art and editorial. It's about values, but humorous. It's about being good folks."

The Mary Engelbreit retail stores, opened in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Dallas and St. Louis, began as an experiment, Hoffmann said. Because of their popularity, plans are being made to open additional retail stores in the next two years.

Also the brainchild of Engelbreit is her national consumer magazine.

Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion features an easy approach to decorating and home living.

"She had a strong notion to start a women's magazine in terms of how they live their everyday lives, and how they can have fun and decorate," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann said. The home decorating in the magazine is not so much in the sense of how decorating is done. The homes featured in the magazine range from very expensive homes to inexpensive farm homes in Kansas, Hoffmann said.

Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion owners, Universal-Engelbreit-Cox Communications LLC, completed the deal in late 1997.

The powers-that-be at Mary Engelbreit Studios have decided they'd move ahead with further retail expansions.

They plan to open two to three additional retail stores this year, and six to 10 more in 2000. The locations of the stores have yet to be decided, Hoffmann said, because there has been much interest shown from people in various states.

Further expansion may come in the form of e-commerce, Hoffmann said. Hoffmann admits forays into uncharted territories will be cautious.

"I'm very conservative," he said. "We're the cutting edge of cute," Hoffmann said. "But not necessarily the cutting edge of commerce."

Reunion committee seeks mates

The Collinsville High School Class of 1989 will hold its 10-year reunion on Aug. 21. The following is a list of classmates who are being sought so invitations can be sent.

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Robber's sentencing appeal backfires; he gets natural life term

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A convicted armed robber appealed for a reduction of his 45-year sentence. Instead, he got a natural life sentence. Alton police officers were scratching their heads in amazement Tuesday after learning that Isaac I. Douglas' gamble had drastically backfired when an appeals court determined that his criminal record qualified him for life in prison.

Douglas, 37, was resentenced Tuesday to life by Circuit Judge Charles V. Romani Jr., the same judge who sentenced him to 45 years behind bars in 1997. Romani acted in response to a mandate from the 5th District Appellate Court in Mt. Vernon, which vacated Douglas' sentence Dec. 3 after determining that he fit the state's habitual offender rule. The law requires a felon with three Class X convictions to be sentenced to natural life, provided the crimes are committed subsequent to the conviction in each previous crime and are committed in a

"He (Issac Douglas) has a very good basis for which to withdraw his guilty plea (which resulted in a 45-year original sentence, which was bumped up to natural life after an appeal)."

Rand Hale
Madison County public defender

20-year period. Douglas was convicted of armed robbery for robbing and attacking a woman with a razor knife July 15, 1992, at the Alton Currency Exchange in the 1800 block of Broadway. A

second charge of vehicular invasion was dismissed as part of a plea. The woman suffered a slight wound to the torso, police said. Douglas had also been convicted of two other armed

robberies in Madison County. In 1989, he was sentenced to eight years in prison for a robbery of a taxi driver in Alton. In 1988, he got 14 years in prison for robbing an East Alton convenience store.

Douglas has known about the appellate court's decision for months, but this was his first court appearance since that decision. He plans another appeal but must first file a motion to withdraw his guilty plea in the next 30 days.

"He has a very good basis for which to withdraw his guilty plea," said his

court-appointed attorney, Rand Hale.

Hale withdrew from the case immediately after Tuesday's resentencing, and Romani appointed John Delaney as Douglas' new attorney.

Had Douglas not initiated the appeal, the original sentence likely would have stuck, authorities said.

Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Nevins said Douglas' plight might be a deterrent to other "frivolous appeals" from "jailhouse lawyers."



Mother's Day cards urge seeking cure for AIDS

In recent years, Barbara Gaynor has come to dread Mother's Day and its painful memories. The Mother's Day cards she used to get from her son, Johnny, ceased three years ago when he died from AIDS at age 31 after receiving a blood transfusion tainted with HIV virus.

This year, Gaynor is sending out Mother's Day cards herself, and so are several thousand other mothers whose children have succumbed to AIDS. But far from depicting hearts and flowers, these cards carry an urgent message to

President Clinton and Congress: Find a cure and vaccine for AIDS. The cards are part of a nationwide campaign launched by the New York-based Mothers' Voices, a nonprofit organization that is mobilizing mothers around the country to serve as AIDS educators and advocates.

Said Gaynor: "I feel as a mom I'm being productive and not just sitting around feeling sorry for myself. Mothers' Voices has turned my pain into purpose — a real strong purpose."

The purpose is also fueled by Gaynor's desire not to see her other son succumb to AIDS. He has been living with the disease for 15 years. Formed in 1991 by five mothers with family members who had died from AIDS, Mothers' Voices counts 40,000 supporters nationwide with chapters in New York, Houston, Los Angeles, South Florida and Georgia, as well as a legislative office in Washington.

These mothers-turned-activists aim their efforts at educating the public and at pressuring the government to spend more money on programs that will reduce the spread of AIDS.

To drive home their message, Mothers' Voices has circulated nearly 1 million Mother's Day cards, with the help of advocacy groups, religious organizations and individuals around the country. To be used as petitions and urgent reminders of the HIV crisis.

The signers can use the cards to urge the federal government to fund more vigorous research into finding a vaccine and cure for AIDS. This year the mothers are hoping to repeat past successful efforts that netted 250,000 signatures in 1994.

After collecting the signed cards, Mothers' Voices will deliver them to members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The mothers' collective voice has been heard.

In 1996, Mothers' Voices board member Eileen Miltzman delivered the introductory speech for President Clinton at the first White House Conference on HIV and AIDS. That same year the group commissioned a national survey in which 77 percent of mothers polled said they believed schools should play a larger role in educating children about AIDS. The organization has drawn the support of such celebrity figures as Cher, Caroline Kennedy, Elizabeth Taylor and others who serve on its national committee.

Still, the fight to save lives is an uphill political battle, according to Tina Escareno, president of the Los Angeles chapter of Mothers' Voices. She cited the Clinton administration's recent decision to continue the ban on funding for clean needle exchange programs to prevent the transmission of AIDS through intravenous drug use.

"I'm appalled," said Escareno, whose 25-year-old daughter died in 1993 of AIDS after she had contracted the disease from her husband, a drug user. Noting recent studies concluding that clean needles stop the spread of AIDS, she said, "I think it's a shame."

Congress had imposed a ban on funding for clean needles in 1989. At the time, lawmakers cited the need for more research on whether the distribution of needles encourages drug abuse.

On April 20, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Don Shalala said the studies indicate that giving needles to people addicted to drugs does no such thing. However, the Clinton administration has decided to retain the ban on federal funding for the distribution programs. Melissa Skolfield, a Health and Human Services spokeswoman, explained the administration's position by saying that the decision on whether to fund needle distribution should be left to local governments.

"It goes without saying that these programs are sometimes controversial," Skolfield said. "The local communities have to see if it (needle exchange program) is right for them."

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, the administration's director of national drug policy, has reportedly fought to keep the ban, arguing that needle distribution sends the wrong message to the nation's children. With administration officials reportedly divided over the issue, the House of Representatives voted April 29 to affirmatively ban federal money for needle exchange programs.

House Republicans accused the administration of indecisiveness and disputed research findings that the programs have saved lives. Mothers' Voices member Gaynor says she is not afraid of the controversy caused by needle exchange programs.

As a volunteer, she is leading the organization's chapter in South Florida, where the need for AIDS prevention and a cure is especially strong. Miami ranks fourth among U.S. cities reporting the highest number

of AIDS cases, with 9,207 people infected, according to the federal government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Teen-agers are especially at risk, according to Gaynor, who lives in North Miami. The need for open, honest discussion is paramount to saving young lives, she said. "Teens think nothing will happen to them," and therefore don't adopt "safe sex" practices, said Gaynor.

Approximately one in five newly diagnosed cases of AIDS occurs among young men and women aged 20 to 29. Most of these people were infected in their teens, but it takes between seven and 10 years for the disease to incubate.

Gaynor teaches parents to become involved in their children's education on sex in order to prevent the transmission of HIV. She describes the opportunity that arises between parent and child as the "teachable moment."

"When you're in the car and your child asks a question, or you're sitting at the dinner table, you can capture the teachable moment so that the parent can honestly respond," Gaynor said.

Gaynor's chapter in South Florida has conducted five "image workshops" as part of an HIV-prevention project that builds self-esteem among minority teen-age women. More than 80 young women have completed the workshops, which will be evaluated for their effectiveness in preventing AIDS in a joint project with the University of Miami Department of Public Health.

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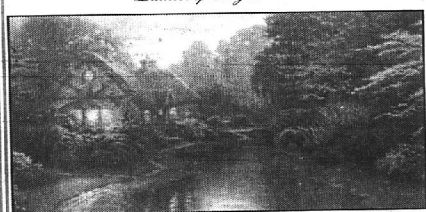
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1999 Women of Achievement honored

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Awards were presented by Rice and Karen Carroll, vice president and general manager of KMOX-AM (1120).

Both the Suburban Journals and KMOX annually sponsor the Women of Achievement awards program, which honors 10 women for their dedication and commitment to the St. Louis community. Next year, Westfield Shoppingtowns will join the Suburban Journals and KMOX in sponsoring the event.

Carroll emphasized the number of women who have received the award and those who deserve it.

"We know if we keep doing this for decades and decades to come, we'll never run out of deserving women," Carroll said.

This year's recipients and

the categories in which they received the awards are: Dorothy Barnard, human welfare; Janet Becker, social responsibility; June McAllister Fowler, youth; Judy Gall, community responsibility; Marsha Greenstreet, community betterment; Jackie Joyner-Kersey, community inspiration; Virginia Klein, humanitarian; Mary Ann Krey, civic responsibility; Lorri Latimer, health concerns; and Peggy Ritter, cultural enrichment.

The honorees join more than 400 other Women of Achievement who have been recognized since the program began in 1955.

In a videotaped presentation, each recipient explained her view on volunteer work. "The world is full of things that need to be fixed," Becker said. "If you can be a part of making things that need the greatest satisfaction you can have in life."

Joyner-Kersey said she enjoys working with young people and encouraging them to give back to the community.

"In order to have community growth you have to be willing to reinvest in the community," Joyner-Kersey said.

Klein said volunteers always make a difference.

"When you look at the sea of people in need and wonder how you could ever help, start with just one," Klein said. "It makes a difference."

Ritter said she believes "you always get back more than you give when you volunteer."

St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon was among the many guests who attended the award ceremony.

"My thanks to the many women present who have done so much for the St. Louis region," Harmon said. "You reach beyond ordinary to extraordinary."

GC Police launches youth baseball team

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ational area. Children and adults in the community, as well as students from Lake School, will have access to it.

The police community, as well as students from Lake School, will have access to it. The police department is hoping that Granite City School District grant writer Goni Michaeloff can secure a \$1,000 state grant for the program. It has been funded through donations and staffed mostly by police department volunteers.

A \$300 donation from local businessman Jan Gilcho, a \$100 donation from Granite City Housing Authority maintenance employees and money from Granite City police officers have helped get the program off to a roaring start. Other donations have come from Wal-Mart, Kmart and The Sports Authority.

Granite City police officer Tony Merz will coach the baseball team. He said that because of the donations, many of the children will participate in an organized

baseball league for the first time.

"We've been practicing on Tuesdays, weather permitting. The kids can't wait to put on their uniforms and compete. They are excited," Merz said.

Mike McKoon, director of the Granite City Housing Authority, said, "The baseball league and everything else associated with the program will give the kids self-esteem and help keep them away from negative influences."

New MCT bus ridership figures sets record

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ures were available, total ridership rose to 1.61 million from 285,510.

While fixed-route service is increasing, the number of people using MCT's door-to-door service is decreasing.

Lisa Underwood, who directs that service, said the number of riders on that service dropped 8.88 percent compared to last year's figures.

She said that is a good sign,

"We want to see them (handicapped riders) on the fixed routes as much as possible."

Lisa Underwood

however, because more of those riders are using normal bus service.

Part of the reason for that is more of the buses are handicapped-accessible, and local control of the routes allows for better planning to accommodate disabled and

elderly riders. Approximately 73 percent of the people who use the door-to-door service are disabled, and about 23 percent use wheelchairs.

In other business, the MCT Board approved Y2K upgrades for its two-way radio system.

Special Olympians enjoy annual competition at SIUE

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ting in the warm sun made for a nice Saturday.

"I think it's great," she said. "The kids really were looking forward to it, and they enjoy a day off campus. It is so nice to see the kids happy."

Brown asked that the girls' last names not be used because they are wards of the state.

Area 12 Special Olympics of Illinois sponsors the annual event, which began with the lighting of an Olympic flame. State Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, welcomed the athletes and led them in reciting a good-sport Olympian oath.

Tim Lowrance of Bethalto, southwestern area director of Special Olympics, said the athletes came from eight counties, representing 27 agencies and Region 1, II and

III special education school districts in Madison County.

"It's going great; the weather is wonderful," Lowrance said. "Special Olympics brings camaraderie, social skills and sports training" to the participants.

Lowrance praised the competitors' sportsmanship.

"They don't get upset when they lose; they just hug each other. When they are done competing, they 'high-five' each other. If more people did that, it would be a better world."

Lowrance said more than 450 volunteers made the event possible, the largest number coming from Wood River Refining Co. and Scott Air Force Base.

"The SIUE staff was wonderful," he said.

Tablecloths lend elegance to Women of Achievement fete

By Nancy L. Ide
Staff writer

Colorful tablecloths and lovely flower arrangements combined to make the 1999 Women of Achievement luncheon one of the most beautiful ever.

BBJ Linen, a national company that rents specialty linens throughout the United States, provided the tablecloths, napkins and chair covers.

The customized tablecloths, in a pattern called "Iliac fantasia," incorporated pale lavender, salmon and several shades of green into a floral

print. The cloths originally were used at a luncheon for Princess Diana in 1997 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

"I always try to choose realistic and beautiful flower prints for my customers," said Bill Fry, one of the owners of BBJ Linen. "I believe a tablecloth is the basis for good decor. It adds the finishing touch to any occasion."

The elegant flower arrangements on each table consisted of circular wreaths of dark green ivy with pink, silk hydrangeas in clay pots.

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Nice honor for Norman

Lebanon senior
in state's top 15

Spring cleaning Part II: For years, the *Champaign News-Gazette* and its all-state selections for high school football and basketball were recognized even above the Chicago newspapers. That's why I was so pleased to see the name of Les Norman in the list of the *NC's* top 15 basketball players in the state.

As expected, Darius Miles of East St. Louis and Kent Williams of Mount Vernon were recognized as well as Dan Lytle of Edwardsville — all big names in IHSA Class AA action in 1998-99.

Norman, a senior at Class A Lebanon, was one of three small-school selections and the only one from southern Illinois.

Brian Cook, the 6-foot-9 Illinois-bound senior from Lincoln, was the first *News-Gazette* Player of the Year outside of the Chicago-Peoria area since 1988.

Overtime
Among the interesting aspects of the recent firing of Doug Haas as the girls basketball coach at O'Fallon High was that Haas, his coaches and athletic director Steve Oliver were recognized for "sporting a winning attitude" by the Illinois High School Association.

In the April-May issue of the *IHSA News*, O'Fallon was one of a handful of schools cited for "displaying exemplary sportsmanship." Others noted for their efforts in girls basketball included Mascoutah and Okawville.

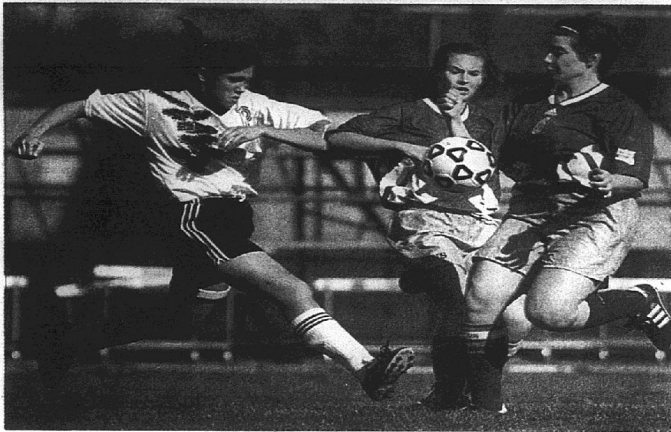
Attitude recognition also went to Cahokia, Collinsville, Granite City, Triad and Valmeyer for boys basketball and to Belleville West for girls bowling.

Extra innings
Whitney Herzog, author of "You're Missing a Great Game" and former Cardinals manager, was a guest speaker recently for the Commercial Club of Millstadt.

Once introduced by this scribe at a McKendree College sports banquet as "the man most qualified to be the commissioner of baseball," Herzog reminisced about his New Athens roots. With wife Mary Lou nearby, Whitney recalled how, when he was a young pro player, he'd come home and find employment that included grave digging.

Cor Jesu blanks Warriors in semis

2 early second-half tallies allow Chargers to advance in St. Dominic Tournament



Tim Stephenson photo

Kelly Mitchell, left, and her teammates could not break through against Affton (Mo.) Cor Jesu Academy Saturday.

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City gave Affton (Mo.) Cor Jesu Academy all it could handle Saturday, but the

GIRLS SOCCER
Warriors fell 2-0 in the semifinals of the St. Dominic Tournament at St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North.

The Warriors held their own in the scoreless first half, fighting the Chargers' attack and a strong wind in their collective face.

But Cor Jesu struck twice within two minutes in the second half en route to the victory. In the 55th minute, Chargers' junior Colleen Connors collected a bouncing ball in the box and whisked a tough header past Granite City keeper Chelsea Peery for a 1-0 lead.

Just 1:48 later, Angela Beaver took a feed in the area

and planted a left-footed bomb in the back of the twine to seal the win for the Chargers.

The Warriors mounted several offensives in the waning moments of the second half but couldn't break through against Cor Jesu goalie Liz Hendel, who was solid between the pipes all day.

"I thought we probably played better in the first half," Cor Jesu coach Dave Gauvain said. "We had a little more possession and we had more of the play in the first half. When you have a 2-0 lead in the second half, those things happen, they get a lot of chances there at the end. That's just the way things go. I think we were playing a little too defensive and not attacking enough or keeping possession of the ball, getting it down on the ground and playing a little keep-away. We didn't do enough of that."

The Chargers took advantage

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Young Warriors squad struggles in East tourney

Team nets just 6 points

"The bottom line is that one of the doubles teams won a first-round match and then lost two more, and one of my doubles teams lost the first-round match, won one in the consolation bracket and then lost again. All of the singles players lost. So it wasn't a very good showing."

Allen Lobdell
Granite City coach

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City amassed only six total points in the Belleville East Tennis Tournament over the weekend and quickly dropped out of contention.

"We had doubles Friday evening and singles Saturday morning," Granite City coach Allen Lobdell said. "I had a slight change in the No. 2 doubles team, but other than that, I kept the doubles teams intact. At No. 2, instead of Jason Woodson, I played Harry Painter because Jason

had had a bit of a knee problem although he did play the next day in the singles.

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The tournament format baffled some of the Warriors, a young squad amid a rebuilding program, unaccustomed to the rigors of a bracketed elimination event. Granite looks to get back on track this week with a return



Tim Stephenson photo

No Granite City singles player, including No. 1 Andy Balcer, could win at the Belleville East Tournament.

to regular competition. The Warriors are scheduled to face Roxana in a rescheduled match this afternoon before taking on Wood River at home Thursday and completing a rain-shortened match with Collinsville Friday.

"What we are hoping for really is a four-match week where we win all four," Lobdell said. "If we can do that, our record at the end of the week will be 7-3, and we would be extremely happy with our effort there."

"Collinsville is going to be

tough at the end of the week because we have already started that match. There are three singles matches that are already over, and we lost all three. So we have to win the remaining three singles matches that are ongoing and then we have to win two out of the three doubles matches. That will be a tough match to win for us. After that we go into Saturday with a double-dual (against Metro East Lutheran and Alton), so we will play all day Saturday."

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Trio honored

Garland, Kirgan
McKechan
recognized

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

This year the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association recog-

nized Granite City head coach Mike Garland and Athletic Director Jerry McKechan with nominations for Coach of the Year and Administrator of the Year, respectively.

Neither took home the top prize, but the nominations were a great honor for a program that has seen its stock rise to the heights it inhabited in the days of grappling yore.

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Prep standings

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Bellville East	6-1	29-2
Edwardsville	6-1	17-3
Collinsville	5-2	14-3
Belleville West	2-4	11-4
Alton	1-3	4-7
Granite City	1-5	4-11
East St. Louis	0-5	1-6

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	4-0	11-2
Civil Memorial	3-1	9-5
Triad	2-3	18-3
Mascoutah	1-2	7-9
Wentworth	1-3	7-11
Jerseyville	0-4	6-9

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	2-0	13-6
Red Bud	3-1	9-6
Freeburg	3-1	5-10
Dupo	2-1	6-6
Breese C.	2-2	5-8
Lebanon	2-2	5-8
New Athens	1-1	5-8
Carlyle	0-1	6-10
Wesclin	0-2	3-10
Marissa	0-3	7-8

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	5-2	13-2
Cahokia	0-2	1-10

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alton	12-2	12-2
Marquette	9-5	9-5
Gibault	7-7	7-7
Water Dei	6-8	6-8
Roxana	6-8	6-8
Alton	12-2	12-2
Marquette	9-5	9-5
Gibault	7-7	7-7
Water Dei	6-8	6-8
Roxana	6-8	6-8
Wood River	5-10	5-10
Valmeyer	2-12	2-12
M.E. Lutheran	3-16	3-16

College		
Team	Conf	Overall
BAC	28-7	28-7
SIUE	25-12	25-12
McKendree	11-16	11-16

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Bellville West	7-0	18-1
Bellville East	6-1	17-4
Edwardsville	5-2	14-3
Granite City	3-3	5-7
Alton	1-3	5-10
Collinsville	4-10	4-10
East St. Louis	0-4	9-4

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	3-0	7-5
Civil Memorial	3-1	9-8
Mascoutah	2-1	11-4
Triad	1-1	8-3
Wentworth	1-3	6-11
Jerseyville	0-3	2-11

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Wesclin	4-0	8-6
Columbia	3-1	15-4
Dupo	2-1	10-2
Lebanon	3-3	7-11
Red Bud	2-2	4-3
Freeburg	2-2	5-8
New Athens	2-3	5-8
Carlyle	0-3	0-10
Marissa	0-4	3-13

South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	4-1	18-1
Cahokia	0-1	0-8

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Alton	13-3	13-3
Channahon	11-5	11-5
Gibault	10-6	10-6
Valmeyer	6-10	6-10
Metrol East	5-6	5-6
Water Dei	2-9	2-9
Roxana	2-9	2-9
Wood River	2-12	2-12

Golf tourney set for May 20

The Illinois Center for Autism will conduct its 16th annual golf classic on May 20 at Clinton Hill Country Club in Belleville. The cost is \$125 per player. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch provided by Pasta Fare, an enterprise of ICA. For more information, call 398-7500.

Gymnastics results

Magic Gymnastics of Swansea competed in the Level 5 South Sectionals on April 18 in Peoria. Magic was represented by three qualifying gymnasts. Erika Prazma of Granite City competed in the 9-year-old age group. Clarissa Jennings, of Belleville, and Caroline Canova, of Waterloo, competed in 11-year-old age group. The girls are coached by Leslie Warren and Dave McClarney, owner of Magic Gymnastics.

Junior golf

The Belleville Downtown Optimist Club will sponsor this year's junior golf championships, scheduled for 11 a.m. on June 6 at Tamarack Country Club in Shiloh.

The tournament is open to boys and girls ages 14-18. The entry deadline is June 4. To enter, call Doug Galt at 277-0809 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. after May 18. Calls prior to May 18 will not be accepted.



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The Metro F.C. Rangers under-16 boys soccer team won first place at the Andy Waite Easter Classic. The Rangers topped a six-team field, beating the St. Louis Select (8-0), Collinsville Independents (2-1), Chicago Pegasus (3-0) and the Lightning of Fairview Heights (1-0 in overtime). Members of the team include Andy Dawson, Lee Zarzecki, Brandon Gayler, Bret McNabb, Luke Kraemalmeyer, Nate Doherty, Mike Burgund, Dylan Bechtold, Stan Simek, Brad Lipe, Josh Boyd, Tim Byrnes, Dave Barnett, Matt Walkler and coach Dale Schilly.

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SLUH wins tournament

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

St. Louis University High School won the Belleville East Invitational boys tennis tournament this past weekend.

BOYS TENNIS
but the victory was anything but easy for the Junior Billikens.

SLUH, which won the top three singles flights along No. 2 doubles, scored 57 team points to edge second-place Belleville West (53). Belleville East and Columbia (Mo.) Hickman tied for third place with 46 points, while Edwardsville placed fifth with 32 points.

"SLUH has real good talent in the top three spots, but after that they're more of a normal team," said Belleville East coach Mike Thompson. "It was one of the closer tournaments we've ever had. We were very competitive, but we would have liked to have been first or second. There were some things we could have done better."

Placing sixth through 10th in the team standings were Wheaton Warrensville South (40 points), Downers Grove South and Naperville Central (29 each), O'Fallon (22) and Rock Island (20).

Rounding out the 16-team field were Belleville East junior varsity (7), Granite City (6), Althoff's varsity and West's junior varsity (4 each), Normal Community (1) and combined O'Fallon-Althoff JV squad (0).

Trio honored for contributions

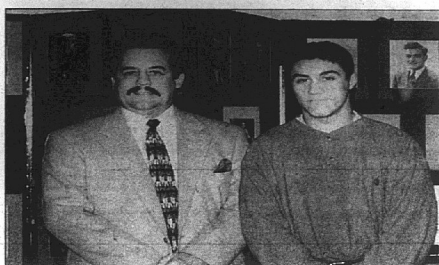
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others perceive you and your program.

"So it's a big deal to get nominated or to be chosen because it's not only locally, but it's how you are looked at throughout the state. Which is good in the sense that if you are recognized as a coach or assistant coach or an administrator, that means that your kids are getting exposure too, and that's what it is all about. That's why I do it, to try and get the kids the exposure and possibly get them a scholarship."

"When college coaches recognize you and talk to you about the kid, they just kind of pay attention to your program more because they realize, hey, what they are doing is working. In the '90s, we have had two state champs, we have had 11 state place-winners, which is what me and my coaches are really proud of. What we are doing is working, and it is paying off, and we have a lot of kids who are going to college because of it. That's what makes me feel good about it."

Garland got another piece of good news. His brother Greg will be leaving the head coaching position at Belleville Althoff to return as a Granite City assistant. "He kind of started with me in 1988," Garland said. "He was really instrumental in helping me get the program kick-started and back on top again. He got a



Granite City's George Kirgan and Mike Garland were recognized at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association banquet recently.

head coaching job at Althoff and did well. He had a state champ there and a couple of state place-winners. He is wanting to come back, which is fine with me. T.J. (Slay), who was our coach last year, is going to try and go back to Lindenwood College to wrestle. He has another year of eligibility left, so that will open it up for Greg.

"Greg is going to come back, and we will still have Coach (Tom) Blaha, who was one of the top ten finalists for Assistant Coach of the Year. So his contribution has been observed. And that is basically how Greg got his head coaching position, he got Assistant Coach of the Year (in 1995) and boom, he gets a head coaching job the next year. So maybe that will happen for Coach Blaha."

Also recognized at the banquet was Junior George Kirgan, whose bid for a state title this year came up just short. Kirgan beat Conant's Russ Withaeger in the state tournament to take third place and make the all-state team. "He should be ranked again next year," Garland

said. "I know third is very good, but I think George didn't want to get third. George wanted to get first. We are very happy for him, and we are pleased for him, and we are happy for his family, but I don't think George was satisfied with third."

"There was a lot of pressure on George to go up there for the third straight year, and if he would have come back empty-handed, that would have been devastating."

Kirgan had a tough decision at the start of the season: stay at 171 pounds, which he wrestled at as a sophomore, or drop the weight and move down to 160. Kirgan chose the latter and became a quicker, more agile wrestler.

"To go up there and take third in that weight class is great," Garland said. "It was a big decision. He was kind of leaning toward 171 pounds, but I was talking to him about going to 160."

Overall I think, as far as a team and a coach and as far as George goes, I think we made the right decision because he was just a move away from being in the finals.

"Maybe with George getting a little bit stronger that will make the difference next year. It's not that he doesn't work hard—he's the hardest worker on our team. If he sticks it out next year, he can probably break every Granite City wrestling record there is."

Warriors blanked in tourney semifinals

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of the opportunities they had to put the Warriors away.

"The first one was just a flick, (Peery) came out, and Colleen flicked it, and it was there," Gauvain said. "This is game four in four days for both teams, and the legs are tired. Those things happen."

One of the reasons the Warriors lost is that they failed to take advantage of the strong headwind in the second half.

"We wanted to, but I do think we were a little tired," Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "I think we would have had a little trouble playing at 6 o'clock (in the finals). The week wore us down, and we were already a little worn down as it was."

The exhaustion was compounded by the Chargers' effective use of the body, which at times turned a physical game nasty. Warriors Keri Ousley and Felicia Mohsen were slain in the box with no whistle. Mohsen later got booked for a minor elbow-related offense.

"They are a good team, that's obvious," Baker said. "But I think we played a little better than a 2-0 game would seem to indicate. It's a physical game where you have to be physical at the right time. When they got this indirect kick (on the second goal) I thought they literally forced the play to go through. They understand that and some of our young ones and a couple more don't. That you have to be ready for that kind of thing."

"Then from our standpoint we have to get good enough we don't need a penalty kick. I don't know what you could do about it. There was one with Keri, and the one with Felicia was worse. What we need to do is get our parents into the game like the private schools over here (in Missouri) because they affect the game. A small group but they understand the game and they understand that what they are doing has a positive

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Gene Baker
GCHS coach

effect on their team. "I think they actually coerced (the official) into a couple of those calls, probably the card. I've never seen Felicia play anyone hard enough to earn a card. You can see what kind of a player she is. She is a control player and she would never ride somebody. It's an area of soccer where they do that, it's a more physical game."

Baker was happy with the performances Saturday and throughout the week. "I think Keri was super. Chelsea played a nice game. I can't fault our players," Baker said. "I think we have to regard this tournament as a very positive week for us. We have grown, and now we get (Christina) Withers back on Tuesday. Now we have to get Amber Hubert back, who would have been a big help today. We get her back from injury, hopefully, but I don't know when that is. I think a lot of the girls stepped up this week. Obviously (Holly) Deroset. I think Natalie (Judge) as getting her game together. Ousley just keeps getting better. I think Erin Tyler and Jessica Vasilioff are two very nice, steady, good players in the backfield. Crystal (Cavins) did some good marking. Kelly Mitchell did some good marking. Ashley Burdge is a sophomore that we brought up, and she helped us."

"Debra (Aaron) had a bad knee, and she was a factor down there. She was yelling at them 'Get her off of me, drawing attention to the (physical play). You have to do that as a player because the way these (officials) are today, as a coach you can't say anything to them."

"But they are a good team. I think it was a pretty even game a lot of ways. We are real anxious now to get a little bit of a rest and then kick it in gear again." The Warriors faced 13-1 Southwestern Conference top dog Belleville East on Tuesday and will host Alton on Thursday.

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Girls garner fourth place with personal records

Individuals impress at Collinsville Invitational

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Cahokia scored 144 points to smoke the rest of the field and win the Collinsville Invitational Saturday.

"Cahokia has a very strong girls team," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "The competition at the Collinsville Invitational was extremely strong. There were only six teams, but every team was pretty good."

O'Fallon piled up 126 points to get second, and Highland followed with 108 points, good for third. Alton (61 points) and Collinsville (28 points) slid in for fifth and sixth, respectively.

"We were a strong fourth with 81 points," Briggs said. "We felt comfortable with our finish as a team, but we had some excellent results individually."

The Warriors got sixth-place finishes out of Sarah Kuehnle in the triple jump and the 300-meter hurdles and from Tabby Duff in the high jump. The sprint medley (Duff, Stacie Marler, Ashley Slover, and Nicole Rider) finished fifth, as did Faith Yurcinis in the 800-meter run. Amber Ridgeway also took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Warriors also took fourth-place in the shot put (Lucia Ruiz) and the long jump (Ridgeway). The 4 x 800 (Sarah Tester, Denise Mueller, Angela Kromraj, and Yurcinis) and 4 x 100 (Ridgeway, Kuehnle, Slover, and Shannon Stapleton) teams took third.

Ridgeway also took third in the 100-meter hurdles, as did Stapleton in the 200-meter dash and Ruiz in the discus.

"We didn't have too many top finishes," Briggs said. "We had a second place from Sarah Tester in the mile run, and two first-place finishes — from Penny Meyer in the two-mile run and Shannon Stapleton in the

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400-meter dash. Shannon did run the state-qualifying mark in the 400 (under six seconds), so we were really happy to get that in the open. That is what she is going to have to do in two weeks, so we know we are there already. We just have to continue to improve and maintain it until the sectional track meet (May 14).

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"We are coming to the conclusion of a very positive season for the girls. We have been very productive and we hope to end on a high note."

Hubbard has Grigsby on track

Special to the Journal

Katie Hubbard loves to run. She loves to run and talk to her opponents at the same time. Then after she has completed about 700 of the 800 meters, she sprints toward the finish line, leaving the other girls behind.

An eighth-grade student at Grigsby Middle School in Granite City, Katie is a member of the Grigsby track team. She has won the girls 800-meter and mile runs at every meet since the season began, said Connie King, track coach at Grigsby.

Grigsby's track team has competed against six schools thus far, and Hubbard has been the high point-getter for the team at each meet. She also competes in the triple jump and has broken both school and conference records this season.

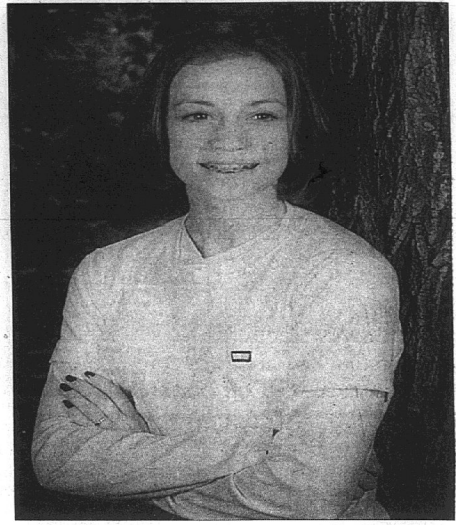
"Running keeps me in shape for soccer," said Hubbard, who plays for the Granite City Elks '88 Soccer Club.

Katie also has lettered in every sport in middle school, including volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading, while maintaining a perfect grade point average.

Among her other activities, Katie sings in a local contemporary Christian teen group.

For high-school, Katie faces a decision to either run track or play soccer, as they are both spring sports.

Katie said her choice will be soccer, and that she may run cross country in the fall.



Grigsby Middle School eighth-grader Katie Hubbard has excelled in soccer and track while maintaining a perfect grade point average.

Warriors beat local teams at Marion

Squad finishes event at No. 6 but tops Lancers, Maroons

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City had to battle a foreign influence at the Marion Relays during the weekend.

Teams from southern Illinois hogged the top spots in the competition and relegated the Warriors from the Metro East into sixth place overall (60 points) out of 12 teams.

Salem (133 points) walked away with the title, followed by Marion (106), Carbondale (104), Mt. Vernon (67), and Centralia (62). The Warriors finished atop the second-tier stratum of local teams, ahead of Belleville East (59) and West (51).

"We felt pretty good being on top of that group. From the central Illinois teams that were there, being on top of that pack was a good finish for us," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "Plus we showed well in a number of events. We did place eighth in the 4 x 100 relay (Earl Clark, Jeremy Hunter, Josh McLeod, and Josh Martin). We had a number of seventh-place finishes: in the distance medley (Kenny Jackson, Bobby Rider, Brian Kilman, and Jerry Curtis) and also our shot put relay (Jeff Hard, Joe Landeros, Jason Evenden, and Zack Cochran) and our high-jump relay (Mike Simpson, Rich Evans, Larry Seochting, and Steven Schroeder). We had a seventh in our high hurdles shuttle

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(Kurt Munger, Tommy Rollins, Kevin Prindable, and Schroeder).

"Then we had some fifth-place finishes in our discus relay (Hard, Landeros, Evenden, and Erik Kambarian) and the 4 x 800 and varsity 4 x 400 (Chris Mertz, Jeremiah Beckley, Dennis Davis, and Kevin Atkins in both events). Our triple-jump relay (Clark, Kilman, Simpson, and Hunter) and our 400-meter hurdle relay (Munger, Mertz, Prindable, and Schroeder) finished fourth in the finals of the 110-meter high hurdles.

"We had a second-place finish with our sprint medley (Clark, Mertz, Beckley, and Atkins). Our freshmen (Evans, Jackson, John Lance, and Jim Treake) won the 4 x 400 relay, won it by one-one-hundredth of a second. They had a 3:50.76 and second place was 3:50.76.

"So it was nice to have a meet champion. We were also

happy with the seconds and the fourths. The fifties, sixths, sevenths and eights, we were glad to have them, but we are always looking for higher finishes, even in big meets against tougher competition." The finish line is in sight, and the Warriors are ready to race down the stretch for home on the 1999 season.

"We felt our team point total was OK, our individual performances were pretty good, our team relays had a number of personal records involved in those performances," Briggs said.

"It was an excellent meet for us. We had a nice trip down to Marion, ran against some very good competition in a very good facility, and came back with a nice feeling that we are doing things well and improving nicely. We are looking forward to the Collinsville Invitational coming up this weekend on Saturday."

"So we have a nice week in front of us and the week after is the (Southwestern) Conference meet, and the week after that is sectionals. So we really feel like we are building to a good finish here on a very productive season for the boys."

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First Stop services can be accessed by calling toll-free (800) 252-2923 or by visiting the DCCA web page.

East Alton-Wood River High evacuated after bomb threat

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

Students were evacuated Thursday after a bomb threat was called in to East Alton-Wood River Community High School, the second such threat in a week.

"We received the call at 8:02 a.m. Once we arrived, police and school officials searched the school building. Nothing found, nothing suspicious," Wood River Police Chief Jim Schneider said.

"We got several leads we're following. I hope this doesn't continue. I don't want to see the school year disrupted or the students staying in school longer," he said.

School officials said clerks in the attendance office received the telephone threat from a male. The school had received a bomb threat earlier in the week.

Numerous schools nationwide have reported similar bomb and death threats since the massacre last week at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

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Jim Schneider
Wood River Police Chief

Classes were canceled Friday at Collinsville High School for a teachers' conference to address the rumors of bomb threats.

The Wood River Fire Department also assisted police and school officials in Thursday's search for a bomb at EA-WR High.

"We were there for (emergency medical services) and fire suppression," fire Capt. Dana Emerick said. "The Fire Department is a support group. We did assist in searching the outside perimeters of the school."

School officials announced the bomb threat to students before telling them to vacate the school and meet in the football stadium bleachers.

"Yes, we sat in the bleachers," said Niki Curvey, 16, a sophomore from Wood River. "Some kids were really scared about the bomb threat. Most of the students wanted to go home. The first bomb threat, they didn't tell us about it."

"About 8:40 a.m., I was in the guidance center when (the announcement) came over the intercom (system) that there's a bomb threat and for

everybody to get out of the school. We went back in the school about 9:45 (a.m.)."

"Personally, I know it was a prank," Curvey said. "Kids are getting suspended for joking around."

When students returned to school, they were given the option of going home with permission from a parent.

Groups of students left school shortly after 10 a.m.

"I don't think (police and school officials) checked the lockers good enough," said freshman Jesse Wright, 15, of East Alton. "I don't like having bomb threats in school."

"I don't feel like dying today," said Anna Earnley, 15, a freshman who lives in Wood River.

East Alton-Wood River High School Superintendent Tom Parker said the school is serious about finding the culprit.

"The school received another phone call similar to the last one received earlier this week. The police tell us as you listen, there's certain things if it is a (prank) or not a (prank) caller. We believe it's a (prank) call."

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Bathon needs to be censured, several county officials say

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Madison County Treasurer Fred Bathon needs to be censured to end his recent spate of "inappropriate" activities, several county officials said Thursday.

"I would hope after today this is put to rest. It's ridiculous we have this trading and barbing in the newspaper," said Rick Paccin, D-Alton, a member of the Madison County Board's Finance Committee, which voted Thursday to recommend the censure to the board of the whole at its meeting next month.

But Bathon said the County Board simply is prolonging a process that should have ended at Thursday's meeting.

"Every chance they have to put closure on this thing, they drag it out another month. There's no closure on what they're proposing," he said.

But committee members said Bathon has shown "total disregard" in the last six months for the authorities and policies of the County Board and other elected officials.

The committee also recommended that Bathon, D-Pontoon Beach, repay the county's general fund \$18,067 out of his office's budget for:

- \$8,317 worth of furniture and equipment purchased with the auditor's budget in November and moved to the

treasurer's office shortly thereafter. Bathon was the county's auditor before assuming his elected position as treasurer Dec. 1.

- \$9,750 worth of treasurer's bonds purchased with funds from the auditor's budget.

The furniture and bonds could not be accounted for in the auditor's office during a recent independent audit, for which the county paid \$4,000.

"This is not about desks and file cabinets," said County Administrator James Monday.

"It's about ignoring the rules." "This matter does not concern likes or dislikes of individuals or personalities," Paccin said. "It pertains to following procedures and not circumventing the authority of the County Board."

But Bathon remained defiant. "I work for the taxpayers, not the County Board," he said. "There's clearly an effort on the committee's part to keep this going because of a vendetta. They're punishing me for speaking out on the appointment of the current auditor's position."

Bathon had denounced Board Chairman Rudy Papa's appointment of H. Jack Frandsen as auditor late last year. Bathon said Frandsen, D-Alhambra, was not qualified to run the office. Bathon was vying to become treasurer. The Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend both

the censure of Bathon and the requirement that the current treasurer's fund repay the county's general fund.

Frandsen may request any furniture be returned to the auditor's office from the treasurer's office, members said. They added that Bathon may be able to request a reimbursement to his office for the bonds.

Although furniture was not discussed by chief deputy auditor Pete Fields, he said Frandsen probably will have to request reimbursement of much of the funds for the office's operational expenses.

Meanwhile, chief deputy treasurer Rich Hampton said, "This decision will hamper our services. We're potentially going over budget, and that's not good for us."

"Maybe it's not good," Monday replied. "It's not just Fred, but everyone has got to work in the same way."

Vacuum thief given five more years

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Thomas B. Steen left Madison County Circuit court April 21 facing a three-year prison sentence for stealing a vacuum cleaner. On April 27, he got five more years tacked on.

The 46-year-old Alton man failed to show up from a weekend furlough on the morning of April 25, prompting Circuit Judge Charles V. Romani Jr. to call for his immediate arrest. He was not in custody as of the evening of April 27.

Assistant State's Attorney Calvin Fuller said Steen agreed to an eight-year sentence for a guilty plea to a charge of retail theft over \$150 for stealing a Hoover vacuum on April 6 from Famous-Barr at Alton Square.

The deal called for a reduction of the sentence to three years if Steen showed up at the Madison County Jail at 9 a.m. Monday. Fuller said. The furlough was granted to allow Steen time to clean up his personal

affairs. Steen has been arrested 18 times since 1979 on a variety of charges, including aggravated assault, larceny, forgery, retail theft and shoplifting. He has been convicted on 15 occasions

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Colorado shooting stirs memories in Edwardsville

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

Last month's school massacre in Littleton, Colo., stirred up memories of a shooting nearly 15 years ago at Edwardsville High School that, fortunately, ended without injuries.

Police officers in Edwardsville still remember the day a "shots fired" call came over their radios on a December morning in 1984. It was a day on which an honors student named William Lash held the high school hostage.

"It was Dec. 7, Pearl

Harbor Day. It occurred right at 7 o'clock in the morning, and it was a 'shots fired' at the high school," said Sgt. Scott Evers, chief investigator for the Edwardsville Police Department.

"We get 'shots fired' calls a lot that turn out to be fireworks or a car backfiring. Any time you get a call like that, you start thinking about it, but I wasn't too excited because a lot of times those turn out to be something else," he said.

Evers said the call came in after Lash confronted members of the janitorial

staff. They thought he was just looking for a teacher, but then one of them saw what he thought was a gunstock sticking out of Lash's coat. As the employees went to inform school officials, they heard shots fired in the old section of the high school and called police.

"When we got there, we evacuated the building," Evers said. "Being a canine officer at the time, I went up to search for him. When we got to the third floor, we found a .22-caliber casing. Then we knew he was armed with a semiautomatic assault rifle," probably an AR-15 or a Ruger 223.

Evers, who has been an officer for 20 years, said the power of those weapons was enough to cause him grave concern.

"At that point, you're thinking he's got something that shoots through doors and walls. He's probably got a lot of rounds. It's the same caliber as an M-16, only in the civilian version, it's a semiautomatic," Evers said.

During the time Lash was on the third floor, he had cut himself, leaving a trail of blood that Evers' dog, Magnum, was eager to follow. Lash also continued to fire rounds off that officers found on the floor.

"At that time, we were carrying .38-caliber and .357-caliber revolvers. He definitely had me outgunned. Had you had a confrontation with him, you were in trouble. In that situation, you just hope that the dog can distract him or get to him before he can shoot."

Magnum already had been shot once, Evers said.

"I'd already been through that," he said.

"My dog was getting real wound up because he could smell him, and he knew it wasn't just a practice or training exercise. This was the real thing," Evers said.



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Collinsville firm touts cost-efficient computer teaching to youngsters

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

A Collinsville company is touting itself as a less costly and more efficient means of teaching children vital computer skills.

The firm, Gateway FUTUREKIDS, held a news conference Tuesday at the Holiday Inn to tout its services in devising lessons and training plans aimed at getting teachers and students "computer fluent" instead of just "computer literate."

School districts that train and staff their own computer training efforts are usually behind when they start and farther behind by the time they implement the curriculum, said John Kalny, director of field operations for FUTUREKIDS.

"This is a case of the private sector stepping up to the

plate," said Jim Grandone, a spokesman for the company.

Kalny, a former school principal in the Dallas area, said his district once hired five teachers with master's degrees to develop a computer curriculum, but the program was still lagging behind the latest technology.

The cost for salaries alone was \$300,000 a year, he said. Keith Kirchoff, director of operations for FUTUREKIDS, said young people are finding it increasingly difficult to find jobs unless they have the necessary computer skills.

"Computer fluency is a primary educational objective for most schools today," Kirchoff said. "However, many schools don't have the required time, expertise or tools to implement an effective technology program."

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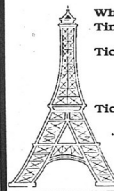
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 5) It's a year of fresh starts and new friends. Love sets your heart on fire this month. Be businesslike in June, and you get the clients or money you want. If you run your own business, by July, you may need to hire extra help. Plans come together in August. Inner strength makes for financial



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Establish your personal limits, or someone new will impose on you endlessly. There are new hobbies and personal projects go much better than anticipated.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21) A stellar day for your personal agenda. An appointment goes well, leading to more of the same. A short trip brings success. Give newcomers a chance, and you'll find yourself with firm friendships.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) Try not to be a slave to the trends — true individuality is much more impressive. Travel is best done alone. Quiet time

brings progress toward spiritual goals. Let romantic partners lead.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Self-improvement programs further more than one goal. Finish whatever's pending, and start fresh with a clean slate. Libra and Taurus loves are surprising. An evening at home with family is sentimental; forgive someone.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The less you try to impress, the more you succeed. Stop worrying about what a significant other thinks, and just ask him or her. Tasks of the day are profitable; you're in line for a promotion. Someone difficult is won over.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A kind remark to an attractive stranger could lead to new

love. Instead of downing your talent, remember you have resources you haven't begun to tap. A true spiritual path strikes a balance between serving others and oneself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Examine the motives of those around you. There is a reason things are just not adding up. Impress the boss with a thorough job; find opportunities to add fine points to projects. Stick to the agenda.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There's no room for slacking now. There's money to be made, and a valuable service to be rendered. Strengthen ties with a sibling. Inherited treasures are also of monetary value. A Gemini plays hard to get.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Notify a partner or family member of important financial arrangements. An old talent proves to be more of an asset than you could have known. A spouse or lover romances you all over again.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) An increased cash flow stimulates your creative efforts. You go out of your way to help a relative in distress. Get some much-needed rest after the past few strenuous days. A lover drums up some business for you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Being more careful about how you spend your resources (especially your time) will help you be successful earlier on in a project. Love envelops you tonight.

Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Wednesday, May 5. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ARNOLD 14 CINE

1912 Richardson Rd., 822-4900
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Pushing Tin (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 9:40
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50
Enchantment (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Enchantment (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00
Out Of Towners (PG-13) 2:10, 4:20, 7:25, 9:35
Analyze This (R) 1:45, 4:05, 7:20, 9:40
The Matrix (R) 12:50, 4:10, 7:05, 9:45
Life (R) 12:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
Baby Geniuses (PG) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35
Saving Private Ryan (R) 7:45
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
Shakespeare In Love (R) 2:40, 5:30, 8:10

CHASE PARK PLAZA CINEMA

King Highway & Lindell, 367-0101
Pushing Tin (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Cookie's Fortune (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
Cookie's Fortune (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Waking Ned Devine (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30
Go (R) 4:00, 8:00, 10:00
Enchantment (PG-13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45

CHESTERFIELD

585 Chesterfield Mall, 532-0155
Out Of Towners (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15

CLARKSON 6 CINE

1785 Clarkson Road, 822-4900
Enchantment (PG-13) 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20
Idle Hands (R) 5:00, 7:25
Lost And Found (PG-13) 5:15, 7:40
Pushing Tin (R) 4:30, 7:10
The Matrix (R) 4:10, 7:05

CARMIKE PETITE

170 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill., 241-1709
Lilo (R) 7:15, 9:35
Enchantment (PG-13) 7:00, 9:40
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 7:05, 9:25
Lost And Found (PG-13) 7:10, 9:30

CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

245 Crestwood Pl., 959-9503
Pushing Tin (R) 1:35, 5:30, 8:10
Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:15, 5:50, 8:20
Cookie's Fortune (PG-13) 2:05, 5:30, 8:05
Lilo (R) 1:45, 5:45, 8:00
Doug's First Movie (G) 2:10, 5:35
Go (R) 8:05
Enchantment (PG-13) 1:30, 5:35, 8:30
Enchantment (PG-13) 5:00, 7:45
October Sky (PG) 2:00, 6:00, 8:30
Analyze This (R) 1:50, 5:55, 8:25
Shakespeare In Love (R) 1:55, 5:40, 8:15

DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & I-270, 822-4903
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 6:45, 9:05
Idle Hands (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:20
Lilo (R) 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Cookie's Fortune (PG-13) 1:10, 5:10, 7:50
Pushing Tin (R) 1:15, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
Enchantment (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
The Matrix (R) 1:15, 4:20, 7:15
The Matrix (R) 2:15, 5:30, 8:15
Analyze This (R) 1:50, 5:30, 8:20
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 1:40, 5:20, 8:20
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:00, 5:15, 7:45
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:45, 5:20, 8:10
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:00

EASTGATE CINE

Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill., 254-8289
The Matrix (R) 4:10
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 4:50, 7:20
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 4:30, 6:50
Baby Geniuses (PG-13) 4:20
Lost And Found (PG-13) 4:40
Lilo (R) 4:40, 7:10
Enchantment (PG-13) 4:00, 7:00

COTTONWOOD EDWARDSVILLE CINE

Edwardsville, Ill., 456-4300
The Matrix (PG-13) 7:00
The Mod Squad (R) 7:15
Life Is Beautiful (PG-13) 6:45

ESQUIRE CINE

6705 Clayton Road, 781-3300
Go (R) 1:40, 5:40, 7:55, 10:05
Life (R) 2:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10
Lilo (R) 3:30, 7:30, 9:30
Foolish (R) 1:55, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
The Matrix (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
Enchantment (PG-13) 1:45, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15
Life Is Beautiful (PG-13) 1:35, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

EUREKA 6 CINE

99 Hilltop Village Center, 822-4900
The Matrix (R) 4:30, 7:10
Enchantment (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30
Lost And Found (PG-13) 5:10, 7:20
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 4:40, 7:00
Out Of Towners (PG-13) 4:50, 7:15
Lilo (R) 5:20, 7:40

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-8722
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:55
Analyze This (R) 5:40, 8:05
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 5:50, 8:00
Pushing Tin (PG-13) 2:00, 5:35, 8:20
Idle Hands (R) 1:30, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:50, 5:25, 8:10
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:25, 3:35
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 5:30, 7:50

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

200 Target Drive, 822-4900
The King And I (G) 5:25
Carrie 2 (R) 8:10
The Matrix (R) 5:00, 7:50
Lost And Found (PG-13) 5:50, 8:15
Lilo (R) 5:05, 7:20
Life (R) 5:55, 8:20
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 5:20, 7:45
Foolish (R) 5:55, 7:05
Foolish (R) 5:45, 8:05
Enchantment (PG-13) 5:20, 8:00
The Grumpsters (PG) 5:35, 8:20
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 5:10, 7:20
Baby Geniuses (PG) 5:40, 7:40
Idle Hands (R) 5:20, 7:35
Doug's First Movie (G) 5:15, 7:15

H-POINTE

1001 McCausland, 781-0800
Check theater for shows and times

JAMESTOWN 14 CINE

209 Jamestown Mall, 822-4900
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:30, 5:05, 7:20, 9:25
Analyze This (R) 1:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:25, 5:10, 7:30, 9:25
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:00, 5:00
Ed TV (PG-13) 8:10
Enchantment (PG-13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 9:15
Enchantment (PG-13) 2:00, 5:05, 8:00
The King And I (G) 1:45, 5:05
Go (R) 8:20
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:20
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 1:45, 4:55, 7:25, 9:30
Pushing Tin (R) 1:20, 4:20, 8:20
Baby Geniuses (PG) 1:35, 4:35
Cruel Intentions (R) 7:50
Idle Hands (R) 1:10, 5:30, 7:40, 9:35
Lost And Found (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:05
The Matrix (R) 1:15, 4:00, 8:05

KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

Lenny Ferry & Main Avenue, 822-4900
Doug's First Movie (G) 4:30
Payback (R) 7:30
Analyze This (R) 4:55, 7:15
The King And I (G) 4:30
October Sky (PG) 7:10
Pushing Tin (R) 4:40, 7:00
Baby Geniuses (PG) 4:45
Lilo (R) 8:00, 7:30
Lost And Found (PG-13) 5:10, 7:30
Enchantment (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15

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KENRICK 8 CINE

7505 Watson Road, 822-4900
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:45, 5:10, 7:40, 9:45
The Other Sister (PG-13) 1:25, 7:05
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 9:40
Saving Private Ryan (R) 1:20, 4:45, 8:30
The Matrix (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:45, 9:55
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 1:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30
Idle Hands (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

KIRKWOOD CINE

32 S. Kirkwood Road, 969-1161
Waking Ned Devine (PG) 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
The Harmonists (R) 6:30
Lilo (R) 5:15, 7:45

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill., 233-0123
The Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13) 7:15, 9:30
Varsity Blues (R) 7:05, 9:15
A Simple Plan (R) 7:00, 9:25

LINDBERG 8

75 S. Lindeberg, 822-4900
The Prince Of Egypt (PG) 5:30
Stepmom (PG-13) 4:45
Message In A Bottle (PG-13) 5:00, 7:40
Snoopy's All That (PG-13) 1:45, 9:25, 7:35
Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:00, 5:35, 7:40
Pushing Tin (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:15

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:55, 5:20, 7:45
Foolish (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:00
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:50, 5:15, 7:35
True Crime (R) 1:40, 7:05
Go (R) 4:25
Analyze This (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:10
Enchantment (PG-13) 2:05, 5:30, 7:45
Sho's All That (PG-13) 1:45, 9:25, 7:35
Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:00, 5:35, 7:40
Pushing Tin (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:15

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 291-0000
Lilo (R) 5:15, 7:45
Life (R) 6:00, 8:30
The Matrix (R) 5:30, 8:15
Idle Hands (R) 5:50, 8:10
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 5:45, 7:55
Shakespeare In Love (R) 5:55, 8:25

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You've Got Mail (PG) 5:05, 7:55
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13) 4:55, 7:30
BKM (R) 4:45, 7:35

NAMEOKI CINE

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
October Sky (PG) 7:15
Life Is Beautiful (PG-13) 7:00

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Forces Of Nature (PG-13) 1:55, 5:20, 7:45
Foolish (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:00
The Out Of Towners (PG-13) 1:50, 5:15, 7:35
True Crime (R) 1:40, 7:05
Go (R) 4:25
Analyze This (R) 1:35, 4:30, 7:10
Enchantment (PG-13) 2:05, 5:30, 7:45
Sho's All That (PG-13) 1:45, 9:25, 7:35
Lost And Found (PG-13) 2:00, 5:35, 7:40
Pushing Tin (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:15

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Rock Road, 291-0000
Lilo (R) 5:15, 7:45
Life (R) 6:00, 8:30
The Matrix (R) 5:30, 8:15
Idle Hands (R) 5:50, 8:10
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 5:45, 7:55
Shakespeare In Love (R) 5:55, 8:25

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KLOU Oldies 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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11:45-12:15 Zack the Police Dog from Collinsville Police Dept.
12:30-1:00 Cooking Fresh & Lite With Chef Brian Poltr
1:15-1:45 Hitting Your Drives With Golf Pro Mike Weber
2:00-2:30 C.A.S.T. Performance
2:45-3:15 Postnet Seminar
3:30-4:00 Collinsville Junior High Band
4:00-5:00 Expo Giveaways & Playhouse Drawing

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11:00-12:00 Bohemer Family
12:15-1:00 Dan Sprat with Songs and Stories
1:00-1:30 Yo-Yo Demonstration, first 10 kids receive free yo-yo
1:30-2:00 Bohemer Family
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Community Calendar

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GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by the youth minister, meets from 5 to 8 p.m. Sundays at Namooki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

JESUS EVERY THURSDAY (JETS), led by the music director, is for kids 3 to 11 years old. The group meets from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Thursdays for music/Bible study and fun at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. Mom's Bible study and share group meets at the same time as children. For more information, call 877-4555.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH Adven-

ture Club, an after-school activity for grades 4-6, meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 1900 Harris St. For more information, call 452-0273.

Community

MADISON COUNTY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association. Free meals to anyone in need.

4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Grace Baptist Church, 2000 Edwards St., Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

RESCUE MISSION food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 1506 Fourth St. in Madison. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Yolanda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Health/Exercise

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS, 9 a.m. Thursdays, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards.

TOPS 2353, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909

Edwards St. For more information, call Bobbie at 452-0273.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Mondays, Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 845, 7 p.m. Mondays, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.

MADISON COUNTY URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH CARE SERVICES offers the following each week at 500 Madison Ave. in Madison: Walk-in pregnancy testing and prescription refills, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays; family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays; STD screening and treatment, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; and family planning services, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Call 452-5394 for appointments or more information.

Organizations

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at

876-1360.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1128 BINGO takes place Sunday afternoon at the Namooki Bingo Center. Early bird game begins at 1 p.m. with 22 games; two color raffles, pull tabs, speedballs, computers and bonuses.

NEW HOPE CHAPTER 432, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets at 8 p.m. the third Friday of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Namooki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS CLUB meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Big Boy's Restaurant on Namooki Road.

NARPE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES) meets the second Tuesday of every month at Charlie's Restaurant Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; meeting follows. Call 452-3266.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays at the Social Center, 906 Thorndale Drive in Mitchell.

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., 451-5808.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, 4225 Old Alton Road, 877-4250.

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 3906 Namooki Road. Call 876-1422 for more information.

EAGLE PARK ACRE SENIORS OF MADISON meets from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison. **FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHLE CLUB** for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. Fridays at the Granite City Park District's Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

TRIPLE LODGE 835 A.F. and A.M. meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Masonic Temple, 1940 Cleveland Blvd. in Granite City.

METRO EAST LANDLORDS ASSOCIATION meets the first Monday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in Collinsville.

SINGLES CONNECTION: Wednesday, May 5 — Meet us at Pizzeria World in Granite City on Johnson Road at 6:30 p.m. for great pizza. Call Ben at 254-1556 for information; Friday, May 7 — Come and join us again for a wonderful time at Michael's Restaurant in Highland. We'll meet there at 6:30 p.m. for happy hour and free buffet. For directions and to RSVP, call John W. at 652-5274. **Saturday, May 8** — Parents Without Partners (PWP) is sponsoring a singles dance at Belle Hall in Belleville. Open to the public. Non-members admitted \$7. Meet there at 8:30 p.m. Call Lee H. 656-0323 for details.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

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GREATER BENEFICIAL UNION OF PITTSBURGH, District 491, Granite City Council, meets at 8 p.m. the first Friday of each month at Third Baptist Church, 26th Street and Grand Avenue in Granite City. James P. Reagan, president, can be reached at 288-7395, and Mary Solomon, secretary, can be reached at 451-9201.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call Helen Stumpe at 931-2098.

Support Groups

The **CHURCH OUTREACH INC.** meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays night at True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1641 Third St. in Madison. The **CHURCH** is an outreach program designed to support the community in the struggle with drug control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP meets 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Searcy at 452-2714 or Lyle Curberry at 876-2362.

THE COHERENTS (Commitment of Healing Emotions and Recovery Through Support) Survivors of Suicide Support Team is open for anyone who has lost a friend or loved one due to suicide. The group

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Spring cleaning

Linda Gass Burgess photo
Connie Bellantone of Troy prepares to tackle a cleaning job that's typically ignored — the inside of a VCR. Bellantone and others made good use of a morning learning the finer points of VCR cleaning during a recent Belleville Area College Saturday Experience workshop at the Granite City campus. The workshop was one of many offered by the college throughout the spring.



Excellence Award

Bill Brinson photo
Richard S. Bickel (left), a teacher at O'Fallon Township High School, accepts an Excellence in Teaching Award at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville during a recent ceremony. Bickel received a cash prize and a plaque as one of 12 outstanding teachers from elementary and secondary schools recognized at the university's program, which is held every year.
Presenting the award is SUE Chancellor David Werner.

Y2K scam targeting bank accounts

By Darryl Howlett
Staff writer

Area residents should stay on the lookout for another possible scam via mail or telephone.

According to Wood River Postmaster Bob Farris, he received an e-mail message from an associate that said a scam might be originating out of Detroit.

"Everything you see on the news is talking about computers being Y2K ready," Farris said. "These reports scare people. So, whenever a story puts fear into people, the elderly really get shook up."

Computers with Y2K problems might become inoperative on Jan. 1, 2000.

Farris said the scam involves customers' bank accounts.

"A lady got a call from a man who said he represented her bank and that the banks' computers were not ready for meeting the requirements for the year 2000," he said. "Then, this man told her all of the bank customers needed to transfer their bank accounts into a bond account especially designed to protect their money until the bank was in Y2K compliance."

The scam artist then proceeded to ask the person to verify their proper account number and wanted her to provide information about herself before verbally authorizing the transfer of the

funds into the bond account. "The call originated from a 248 area code, which is from the Detroit area," Farris said. "This scam is nothing dealing with the postal office, but I felt residents needed to know if they received a phone call or started receiving things in the mail."

"Don't give your bank account to anyone and make sure you know who you're talking to. In my 20 years at the post office, I've seen people scammed through sweepstakes, things in the mail and scans over the phone."

Residents who have received a similar phone call should contact their local postmaster, Farris said.

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keeps all information confidential and allows you to express your thoughts and feelings openly. Meetings are at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Behavioral Health Alternatives Inc., 337 E. Ferguson in Wood River. For more information, call 251-4073.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection, meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the King's House on N. 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, meets from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

BETTER BREATHERS CLUB, a support group for those with chronic lung condition, meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3118 for more information.

AL-ANON, 7 p.m. Thursdays,

St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON, 9:30 a.m. Mondays, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

AL-ANON, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (Serenity Group), 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, National Avenue, Granite City. The open meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursdays and noon and 8 p.m. Fridays at 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1:30 and 8 p.m. Sundays at 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m. Sundays, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (women only), 8 p.m., Tuesdays, Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, (800) 307-6600.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, seeking recovery, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, acceptance, 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, live the steps, 8 p.m. Sundays, 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hotline 398-9409.

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS open meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., on the following days and times: 8 p.m. Sundays in Pascal Hall; 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Kettler Center, Room A; 8 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays in the Kettler Center; and 8 p.m. Saturday in Pascal Hall. For more information, call the 24-hour hotline, 398-9409.

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MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, second Tuesday of each month, 798-3510.

Madison County Salon 53, Eight and Forty, held its monthly meeting April 20 at the Bethalto American Legion post. The hostesses were Zella Ernde and Wanda Taylor of Bethalto and Nan Paez of Alton. A total of 15 members were present.

Zella Ernde, chapeau, conducted the meeting. Wanda Taylor, pourvoir member, reported on the Spring Pourvoir held at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights on April 10 and 11.

Madison County Salon received two awards for children and youth programs. Judy Zimmerman, children and youth chair, were presented with the awards. Mother's Day tea envelopes were distributed. Camp Superkids will be held in August at Metamora, Ill. Eight and Forty Day will be Aug. 4, and several are planning to attend.

Frances Elbeck, finance chairman, had the attendance prize drawing, which was won by Zella Ernde. Extra drawings were held for prizes won at the Pourvoir and for extra Camp Superkids scarves.

Judy Zimmerman read the received constitution and bylaws which will be voted on at the May meeting.

Irene Schneek, nurses scholarship chairman, collected \$9.01 for this fund. A paper bag suction was held following the meeting, with proceeds for the general fund.

The next meeting will be held in Edwardsville. Those attending from this area were Dorothy Hinson, Mary Ballentine and Kate Buechele.

Madison County Salon 53 holds meeting

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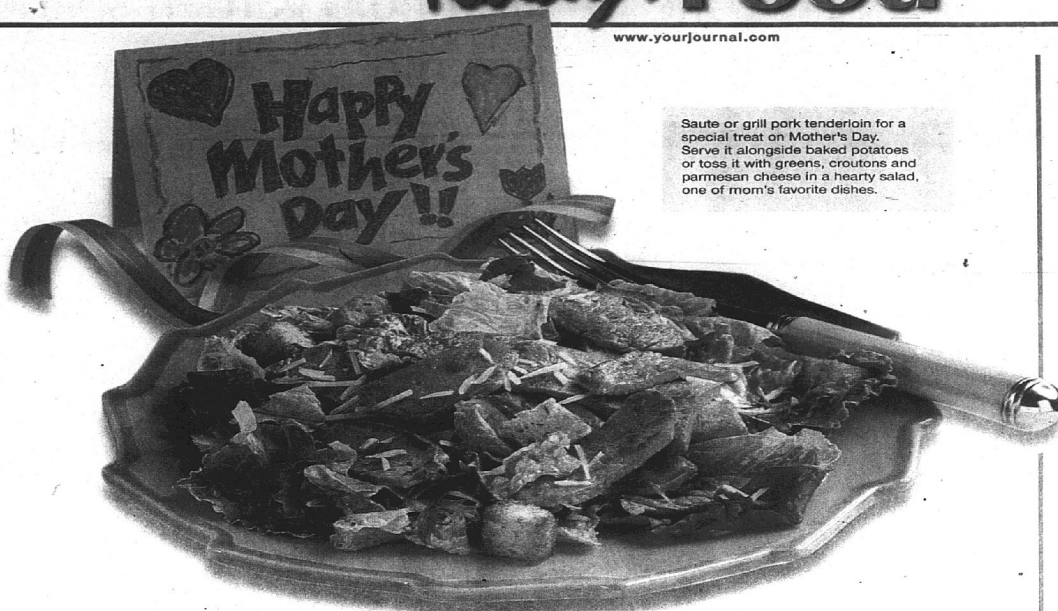
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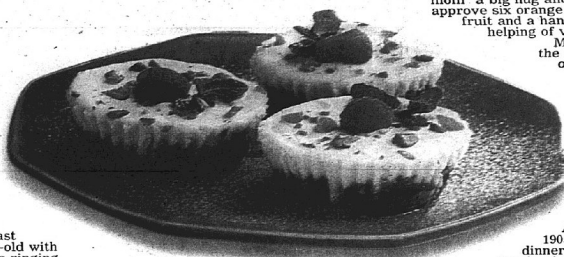
Saute or grill pork tenderloin for a special treat on Mother's Day. Serve it alongside baked potatoes or toss it with greens, croutons and parmesan cheese in a hearty salad, one of mom's favorite dishes.

Mental photos snap images with mom

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Mother's Day is full of memories. There is the time mom made you walk home the last three blocks after you sat on a newly-won, chocolate cake-walk cake in the back seat of her car. Another is the bouquet of yellow dandelions waiting in a cup on the front porch alongside a big brother awaiting the arrival of mom with his new baby sister.

Images span generations. Grandmother wearing a leg cast after jumping rope. A three-year-old with her mother's curls. The telephone ringing



after three hours of busy signals on Mother's Day. A tray of flowering begonias to plant from a child who started his first job two weeks ago. Every year, new memories wait to be made. Colleges contribute to mental photographs as they hold commencements this weekend. Even women without children or whose children live far away may be fortunate enough to adopt for the day.

This is a day for bargain trades. Give mom a big hug and smoochy kiss and she will approve six orange gumdrops as a serving of fruit and a handful of jelly beans as a helping of vegetables.

Mom's truisms ring truer all the time. The guy in the middle of an intersection making a left turn has the right of way. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Don't fill up on sugary sweets and fried foods. Eat oatmeal and fruit to be regular.

Mother's Day originated in ancient Greece as a spring celebration paying homage to Rhea, mother of the gods.

It became an American tradition in 1905. Breakfast in bed, brunch, dinner and visits to family center the day in the U.S. Moms appreciate foods their

Lay sweetened dried fruit on top of a crust made with graham cracker crumbs and almonds, then bake with a traditional cheesecake topping in individual servings.

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Instant Focus

Mom usually prefers photos of her family rather than herself, but she will enjoy her own "portrait" on a cake made in her honor.

Either prepare a cake mix in her favorite flavor, or follow this rich chocolate cake recipe and bake the batter in two 9-inch round baking pans or a 13-by-9-inch pan. Frost it with prepared icing. Use chocolate chips, pull-and-peel red licorice, toffee bits, jelly beans and other candies to reflect mom's good looks.

RICH CHOCOLATE CAKE

2 cups sugar
1 3/4 cups flour
3/4 cup cocoa powder
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup oil
2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two 9-inch round baking pans or a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. In large bowl, stir together sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add eggs, milk, oil and vanilla. Using medium speed of electric mixer, beat 2 minutes. Stir in boiling water. Batter will be thin.

Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake round pans in the preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes — oblong pan 35 to 40 minutes — until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely. Frost with ready-to-spread frosting. Personalize cake, using semisweet chocolate chips, English toffee bits, string licorice and jelly beans.
Makes 10 to 12 servings.



Kids' Cuisine

Food Nutrition

Wise Ways

Cinco de Mayo offers North American alibi to eat Mexican foods.
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Blue Ribbon Cook

Add dried cranberries or raisins to apple to give bran muffins a sweet side.
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Test Run

Cinnamon rolls can perk up mom early on Mother's Day.
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Micro Raves

Strawberries are pick of today's crop.
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Lively Taste

Break away from traditional pasta sauce. Use chili, leftover soup or a little olive oil plus fresh herbs and seasonings and a sprinkle of grated parmesan cheese with an unusual shape of pasta, like bow ties or a shorter tube than usual. If that leaves pasta sauce a refrigerator orphan, serve it with or without meatballs in hard-shelled bread, over baked potato halves or over lightly toasted, English muffin halves. If tradition holds firm, season pasta sauce with a bit of wine, beer, salsa, soy sauce or go Thai with peanut butter, soy sauce and cilantro.

Health Fitness

Medicine Chest

Bacteria in the mouth, rather than foods that are eaten, are often the culprit for bad breath. Antibacterial mouthwash after eating helps reduce bacteria that cause bad breath. Good oral hygiene, regular brushing and flossing encourage the bacteria that cause bad breath to disappear.

Fresh Picks

Forget daintiness when eating fresh artichokes. Because this thistle looks intimidating, its inner delight must be unmasked. Pull off lower outer petals, cut stems to 1/2 inch or less and snip off tips of the petals. Keep in water with lemon juice to preserve its green color. To cook, stand artichokes in a large pan with plenty of boiling, salted water to cover them. Add spices and lemon juice, if desired. Cover and boil gently 20 to 40 minutes, depending on size, until petal near center pulls out easily. To eat them, pull off a leaf by hand, holding it by the pointed end. Petals can be dipped in a flavored light mayonnaise dressing, if desired. Put the other end in your mouth and pull it between your teeth, scraping out the artichoke flesh. Once the leaves are gone, scrape away the fuzzy stuff with a knife. What is left is prime property, the artichoke heart. Using knife and fork, cut bites from it for savoring.

Big Fat Tip

Prepare a sauce for pasta and serve with deli-roasted chicken or cooked turkey breast for a quick and favorable impression. In a small saucepan, cook and stir 3/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, 1/2 cup chicken broth and 4 teaspoons cornstarch until thick and bubbly; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Cook 6 ounces dry pasta, such as rotini or corkscrew, in boiling water according to directions 5 minutes. Add 1 package (16 ounces) favorite frozen vegetable combination. Return to boil. Cook 5 minutes longer or until ingredients are tender. Drain. Add sauce, 2 cups cubed, cooked chicken or turkey, 1/4 cup snipped fresh (or 2 tablespoons dried, crushed) basil and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Heat and toss until hot for 4 servings.

Future Shop

Chicken always have had legs, but interest in breast meat sidestepped that part of poultry anatomy lately. Leg meat is coming back into vogue. Part of the appeal comes from convenient products, many of them boneless and skinless to cut fat. They include seasoned thigh meat on skewers ready to grill or broil and marinated thighs to cook whole or in strips to stir-fry with vegetables or cook for fajitas.

Today's Food

New flavors of rolls provoke sampling with wafting aroma

When it comes to some-thing' from the oven, Pillsbury rolls in new flavors, according to testers, are worth the wait to let them cool a little after baking them.

TEST RUN

"delicious" and "luscious" were typical comments about the flavor of caramel rolls, cinnamon raisins and apple cinnamon rolls. Each flavor costs \$1.99 at Schnuck Markets in a roll of 8 ready-to-bake rolls.

The caramel rolls came with caramel icing, while the cinnamon rolls had a traditional white frosting.

One tester endorsed them all — down to the last one in the pan.

"The rolls were all moist, the raisins and apple chunks were soft and flavorful. After sitting out for three hours, the rolls were still pretty soft. I went to use that last roll as a hockey puck, but it was so soft I had to eat it instead," he said.

Another summed up her impression by building a slogan: "Cinnamon raisin, Good! Apple cinnamon, better! And new caramel, best!"

A taster tried one of the cinnamon rolls and the caramel flavor.

"I ate two whole ones, although I didn't mean to. They're such a quick, eatable, yet satisfying size. The cinnamon got my vote: just a little less of the sweet stuff," she said.

One who favored the caramel rolls best was uncertain whether the rolls or the frosting were the more likable part. Another liked the level of caramel flavor.

"The caramel rolls have the vague hint of caramel. A soft, chewy texture is very good. They're not as moist as home-baked, however. The icing is sufficiently sweet but again not as thick as home-made," she said.



Cinnamon rolls in new flavors would be an easy asset for the non-cook to bake on Mother's Day.

A tester of the raisin cinnamon rolls and the caramel rolls called the caramel ones "not too strong, very pleasant flavor, just about perfect."

Another tester said he would pick up the apple cinnamon variety when he shopped.

"The cinnamon-apple flavored one was spicy, but subtle enough to be superb," a taster said.

She enjoyed the surprising sensation of biting into a raisin in the cinnamon-raisin rolls.

A couple tasters were disappointed there was not more fruit in the cinnamon rolls, but it did not bother others.

"If you don't really care for raisins, don't worry. I did-

n't even notice if there were any in my sample," a tester said.

Another noted more raisins in the raisin rolls than apple in the apple cinnamon rolls. Real raisins are in the one of that name, but there is no apple among the ingredients of the apple cinnamon rolls.

"These are as tasty as any Pillsbury cinnamon rolls and I enjoy the new diversity. They are just not overly fruity," she said.

Another commented on the price of the handy refrigerated product.

"Using a coupon for cents off, which often appears in magazines, makes them affordable," she said.

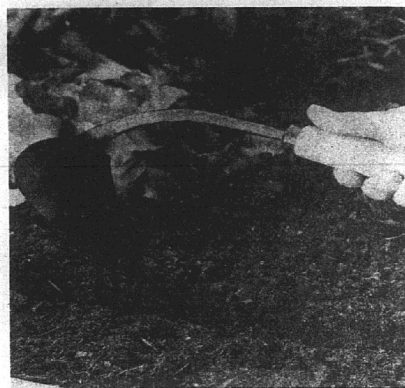
Hand-held garden spade turns dirt like workhorse

Every serious gardener knows the myriad tasks that go into a successful garden — opening and closing rows, digging holes for planting and transplanting, loosening soil, digging weeds and thinning seedlings. On the other hand, a garden is as demanding as it is rewarding. Until now many of those jobs demanded different, specialized tools.

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Exercise time: step up, out to get body moving heart-ily

Only 22 percent of U.S. adults active enough

By Kathleen Obert
Correspondent

As the year progresses to balmy weather, would-be exercisers take initial steps. They join a fitness club

HEARTY BITES

or buy exercise equipment. This is time to evaluate if that exercise pro-

gram is firming up.

In 1992, the American Heart Association called physical inactivity a risk factor for cardiovascular disease. A sedentary lifestyle also increases the risk of developing adult onset diseases and colon cancer.

While most people know the benefits of exercise, currently only 22 percent of U.S. adults are physically active enough to derive the health benefits that exercise delivers.

Reasons for not exercising may include lack of time, cost of equipment or workout clothes, not wanting to sweat, and aches and pain from vigorous exercise.

Recent studies on physical activity reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggest choices for physical activity.

Researchers compared two groups of sedentary, moderately overweight people. One group started a traditional aerobic exercise program in a fitness center.

The second group started a lifestyle approach where short bouts of moderate-intensity activity were added to day routines. The goal was to add up at least 30 minutes of these activities every day of the week.

Activities were adapted to each person's lifestyle. They ranged from everyday events, like parking the car at the back of the lot or two or three blocks from their job and walking to work, to sports activity — walking, hiking, biking, dancing, basketball, volleyball, golfing, swimming and tennis.

Researchers reported both groups had similar improvement in fitness level, decreased blood pressure and decreased body fat.

Positive results obtained from performing moderate-intensity physical activities and reducing calorie intake give new hope to people who want to lose weight, reduce cholesterol, lower their risk of developing heart disease and diabetes — but who also dislike vigorous, structured exercise.

Because of family responsibilities, women often feel they lack time for "working out," but this study shows many everyday activities can be expanded to fill the parameters of "exercise."

Of course, the most healthy combination is for the exercise to go along with a low-fat diet.

Designed to be quick and easy, a balanced meal would consist of a dinner salad made with lettuce greens, sliced carrot, tomato wedges and fat-free salad dressing; steamed vegetables; wheat rolls; baked pork chops; dessert.

With planning, the meal can be prepared during the 30 minutes the pork chops bake.

To reduce preparation time, buy a bag of chopped mixed lettuce greens, frozen vegetables and wheat rolls from a grocery store. For a quick dessert, combine 1 carton (8 ounces) vanilla low-fat yogurt with 2 cups fresh fruit. If time is even more limited, drain and serve 1 can (15 ounces) chunky mixed fruits packed in lite syrup in a pretty dish.

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MY FAVORITE PORK CHOPS

6 boneless pork chops (1-1/2 lb.)
2 tsp. olive oil
Pinch white pepper
1/3 cup elder vinegar
1/3 cup water
1/2 cup ketchup
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 tsp. dry mustard
1/2 tsp. celery flakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season pork chops with white pepper. Brown 2 to 3 minutes on each side.

In medium bowl, combine vinegar, water, ketchup, brown sugar, mustard and celery flakes.

Place chops in 9-inch square baking pan or casserole dish. Pour ketchup mixture over chops. Bake, covered, about 30 minutes.

Serve each chop with portion of sauce from pan.

Makes 6 servings; 207 calories, 26 g protein, 6 g carbohydrate, 9 g fat, 70 mg cholesterol and 71 mg sodium each.

Mother

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families prepare. There are only a few rules.

* Keep it simple. Prepare a main dish, preferably with steps that can be accomplished the day before or with ingredients that make the meal almost an instant success. Breakfast is the easiest meal.

* Keep it special. Thoughtful touches enhance even the simplest meal, like reheated frozen lasagna. Add a fresh flower, serve cake on a china plate or special paper plate, keep parts of the meal separate on the plate or in bowls.

* Keep it clean. Mom should not have to scrub dishes or repair kitchen errors afterward.

Mother's Day Pork Salad features pork tenderloin tossed with greens and croutons with a tangy, Caesar-like dressing. The cheesecakes have prunes sweetened with brown sugar, sandwiched between a graham cracker crumb crust and a cheese topping.

For more pork recipes, look at the National Pork Producers Council web site at www.nppc.org or request a free brochure of pork recipes by sending a self-addressed,

stamped envelope to: Quick and Easy Family Meals, NPPC, P.O. Box 10383, Des Moines, Iowa 50306.

For free recipes featuring prunes, write to: Sunsweet Growers, Department P, 901 N. Walton Ave., Yuba City, Calif. 95993.

MOTHER'S DAY PORK SALAD

1 lb. pork tenderloin
1/4 cup Italian salad dressing
6 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
4 drops pepper sauce
6 cups mixed greens, torn in bite-size pieces
3/4 cup croutons
2 tbsp. shredded parmesan cheese
Freshly ground pepper

Slice pork 1/4-inch thick. Place pork and Italian dressing in resealable plastic bag. Refrigerate, tightly closed, at least 1 hour or overnight.

Combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce and pepper sauce.

Remove pork from plastic bag and discard marinade. In nonstick skillet over medium heat, saute pork 2 minutes on each side or until done. Cut in 1/2-inch strips.

Toss together pork, mixed greens, croutons, parmesan cheese and ground pepper. Serve individual salads with dressing.

Makes 6 servings. Note: For family members who do not care for salad, marinate pork chops in more Italian dressing. Grill or saute chops over medium heat 6 to 8 minutes on each side until medium doneness.

BLACK BOTTOM CHEESECAKES

1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs
1/3 cup chopped almonds, toasted
2 tbsp. butter
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1-1/2 cups chopped pitted prunes
4 tbsp. almond liqueur
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) regular or light cream cheese, softened
1/3 cup plus 1 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 eggs
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup regular or light sour cream

Line 12 muffin cups with paper liners. Combine cracker crumbs and almonds. Sprinkle in bottom of cups.

In medium skillet, stir butter and brown sugar over medium heat until melted. Stir in prunes and 3 tablespoons liqueur. Reduce heat to low. Simmer and stir 1 minute or until slightly reduced. Spoon over crumbs.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. In large bowl, beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until creamy. Gradually beat in 1/3 cup sugar, blending until sugar dissolves. On low speed of mixer, beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in vanilla. Spoon over prunes.

Bake in preheated oven 15 to 20 minutes until almost set in center. Remove from oven. Cool in pan on wire rack. Combine sour cream, 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and 1 tablespoon liqueur. Spread over cheesecakes. Refrigerate 3 hours or up to 2 days.

Garnish as desired. Makes 12 servings.

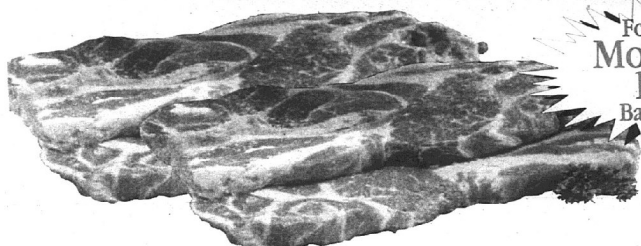


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Muffin gets texture from oat bran and sweetness from fruit

Leone Keune, Maryland Heights, is this week's winner of dinner certificates to the Pasta House Co. for Cran-Apple Bran Muffins.

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BLUE RIBBON COOK

Her quest for a low-fat bran muffin has led her to dozens of trials. This one is now her favorite. She keeps baked muffins in the freezer to "just zap" in a microwave oven for a healthy snack in a minute. These use oat bran cereal and are sweetened by fresh apple, applesauce and dried cranberries or raisins. A single recipe can be sent to this month's contest for potluck desserts. It should be postmarked by May 31 and sent to: Potluck Dessert Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to westnews@primary.net.

Each Wednesday in May a winner will be chosen on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original. That means there will be five winners from this contest shared with Today's Food readers.

If possible, tell where the recipe came from and share specific information about special touches that give it a personal signature or a story about when it was served or developed. Indicate which Journal newspaper you receive. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their

**CRAN-APPLE
 BRAN MUFFINS**

1 1/4 cups flour
 3/4 cup uncooked oat bran cereal
 1/4 cup firmly packed, light brown sugar
 2 1/2 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1 medium apple, peeled, cored, finely chopped
 1 pkg. (6 oz.) dried cranberries (or 1/2 cup raisins)
 1/3 cup plain low-fat yogurt
 1/3 cup nonfat milk
 1/2 cup apple butter or applesauce
 1 egg
 2 tbsp. oil

Preheat oven to 425°. Coat muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, mix together flour, oat bran, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir in apple and dried fruit. In small bowl, whisk together yogurt, milk, apple butter, egg and oil. Add all at once to flour mixture. Stir until just moistened. Divide batter among muffin cups; full muffin cups yield twelve (2 1/2-inch) muffins. Bake in preheated oven 15 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Makes 12 muffins.

Recipe

**CRUNCHY
 TUNA MELT PIZZA**

2 cans (6 oz. each) water-packed tuna, well drained, flaked
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 (12 to 14 inch) pizza shell, thawed if frozen
 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack or havarti cheese
 3/4 cup coarsely crushed potato chips
 1/4 cup chopped or thinly sliced red onion, if desired
 1/4 cup chopped or thinly sliced green bell pepper, if desired

Preheat oven to 450°. In small bowl, combine tuna and mayonnaise. Mix until well blended. Place pizza shell on pizza pan. Spread evenly with tuna mixture. Sprinkle with cheese, onion and green pepper. Top with crushed chips. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes until crust is crisp and brown. Slice and serve while hot. Makes 6 to 8 slices.

Recipe

**PINA
 COLADA
 CHEESECAKE**

1 1/2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
 1 cup flaked coconut, toasted
 1/2 cup margarine, melted
 1 can (6 oz.) pineapple juice
 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
 3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
 3/4 cup plus 2 tbsp. sugar
 1/4 cup dark rum or 2 tsp. rum extract
 3/4 tsp. coconut or vanilla extract
 2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple
 1 tbsp. cornstarch

Combine crumbs, coconut and margarine in medium bowl. Press on bottom and side of 8- or 9-inch springform pan. Chill. In small saucepan, cook and stir undrained pineapple, cornstarch and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar until mixture boils and thickens slightly. Chill. Spoon sauce over cheesecake. Garnish with more toasted coconut, if desired.

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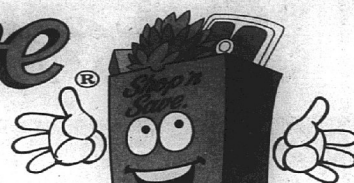
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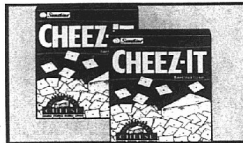
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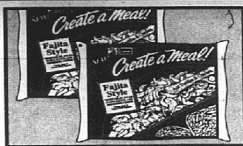
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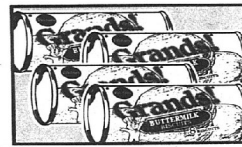
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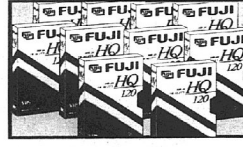
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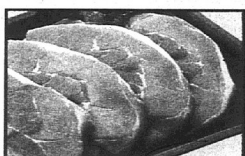
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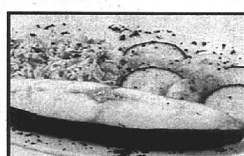
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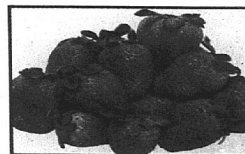
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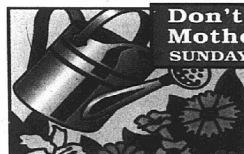
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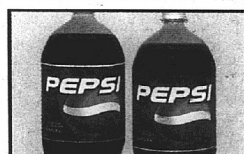
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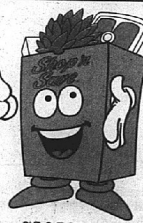
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GMC tests waters with shorter crew cab pickup

By Tom Strongman

Four-door pickup trucks seem to be the next big thing. Various concept trucks from domestic and import manufacturers have been making the rounds at this year's car shows, but most of these are light-duty models more like sport-utility vehicles with stubby beds.

Crew cab pickups, with four doors, a full-size back seat and an 8-foot bed, have long had a place in the commercial world, but their overall size and lack of maneuverability mitigate against them for personal use.

To attract more of the personal-use business and test public reaction to a smaller crew cab truck, GMC offers its 2500 and 3500 heavy-duty crew cab with a 6.5-foot bed instead of the standard 8-foot. Both the 2500 and 3500 are available in two-wheel or four-wheel drive, but the 3500 requires dual rear wheels.

Because of the smaller bed, the wheelbase is 14 inches shorter and overall length is 19 inches less. The turning circle is 3.5 feet smaller, which makes it easier to live with in everyday driving

where city streets and parking lots are made for cars.

The trailer capacity of the short-bed model is 3,000 pounds vs. 10,000 pounds for the long-bed version. Total payload capacity is 2,350 pounds. This would be an ideal vehicle for horse lovers who want to take the whole family to shows or trail rides.

This over-8,500-pound GVW (gross vehicle weight) is a carry-over of last year's truck rather than the new design that is found on the lighter-duty versions. Heavy-duty versions of the new design are planned in "near term" model years, according to a GMC spokesman. The success of this short-bed crew cab will be monitored closely to determine whether one will be offered in the next generation, he said.

So what's it like to spend some time at the helm of one of these babies? Except for being a bit of a handful in the company parking lot, it didn't drive much differently than a regular extended-cab truck.

While the ride quality has been improved with the installation of special Bilstein shock absorbers on one-ton versions, it still bounces

around a fair amount when empty, but that is to be expected of a truck designed to carry payloads of this magnitude.

The test truck, from GMC's press fleet, was decked out as most buyers would want it for personal use, which is to say loaded with the same kind of luxury equipment that might be found on a typical Yukon or Suburban. The SLT decor package included leather seats, power mirrors, power windows, cruise control, tilt wheel and an AM/FM stereo.

The interior is not as user-friendly as the new Sierra, but it is not a disaster, either. The seats are not only wide and plush, but the ultrasoft back seat is easy and leg room there is more than acceptable. Items such as the net map pockets on the back of the front seats add functionality and make this a truck that long-haul passengers will appreciate.

The engines available in this model are carry-over units as well, not the new family of Vortec V-8s based on the architecture of the LS1 used in the Corvette.

The standard engine is a 5.7-liter V-8 with a

five-speed manual transmission. In keeping with heavy-duty use, the test vehicle had the optional 7.4-liter engine with 280 horsepower and an automatic transmission. This engine has tons of torque, or pulling power, which would make it ideal for towing. Even though I never did sample it with a load, I am confident it would tow up to 8,000 pounds without trouble.

The next year will see a flurry of four-door pickups, most of which will be smaller than this one. Customer reaction to this one will affect whether GMC builds a similar version when the redesign of its heavy-duty pickups come to market.

The base price of our test truck was \$23,171. Its equipment list was nearly as long as the truck itself. Options included tinted glass, bed liner, power mirrors, 4.10 axle ratio, 7.4-liter engine, automatic transmission, towing package, transmission oil cooler, locking rear differential, chrome step bumpers, tow hooks and 245/75/R16 tires.

The sticker price was \$31,258 including freight. The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Say "cheese" when running red lights

By Rick Stoff

Government efficiency in action: New York City has equipped 15 of its intersections with "red light cameras" that take pictures of cars that run red lights. Using license plate numbers as a guide, traffic tickets then are mailed to the owners of the vehicles. Car and Driver magazine reports the city issued 168,471 tickets for red-light violations last year, earning \$5.4 million in fines.

If you're going to get hit at an intersection by a wild driver running a red

light, hope that he or she is not driving a truck. Crash tests conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that trucks, which have higher bumper levels, are more likely to cause injuries than other vehicles of similar weights.

The government crashed a Chevrolet S-10 pickup, a Dodge Caravan, a Ford Explorer and a Chevrolet Lumina into the fronts of 1997 Honda Accords and found the trucks caused more damage than the minivans. NHTSA concluded that 2,000 people killed in traffic accidents last year would have survived if their vehicles had been struck by cars of equal weight rather than trucks.

It's been about a decade since a Renault car was sold in the U.S. Since the

French company has merged with Japanese car manufacturer Nissan, company executives say Renault cars could return. But not as Renaults. The companies will begin sharing design resources and chassis, and the company has hinted some of its French cars may come to the U.S. but be sold with Nissan name plates.

While Nissan has a reputation and dealer network here, Renault does not.

About one quarter of the people who bought new vehicles last year did research on the Internet before making their choices, says market research firm J.D. Power and Associates. But only one in 50 cars was purchased through a web buying service.

Since its birth the Ford Taurus has defined the leading edge of automotive

design. The next Taurus, to be introduced for the 2000 model year, will look more mainstream and emphasize advanced safety features.

According to the Wall Street Journal, "Ford hopes the new emphasis will put it ahead of a strategic shift it sees in the auto market's most competitive segment: family sedans. For several years, Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp. have dominated this four-million-car-a-year category with dull vehicles that sold mainly because of their reputations for high quality and reliability."

What a jigsaw puzzle. It takes 35,000 separate pieces, drawn from about 3,800 part numbers, to build the typical new car, reports the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association.

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
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Municipal officials demand cost-efficient rail expansion

Underground MetroLink project would cost more

By Sonia Ahuja
Staff writer

Several government and community leaders are taking action to make sure there is enough money to extend the MetroLink light-rail system to Shrewsbury.

Officials from Maplewood, Shrewsbury, Brentwood, Richmond Heights, St. Louis County and St. Louis City had a news conference Tuesday, demanding East-West Gateway Coordinating Council choose a design it is able to fund.

The officials fear there will not be enough money to complete the expansion if East-West Gateway, which is directing the project, chooses an underground design for the route into Clayton from the Central West End.

The extension will take MetroLink from its station near Forest Park, at De Baliviere Avenue and Forest Park Parkway, west through University City and downtown Clayton to Lansdowne Avenue in Shrewsbury.

Two proposals for the route are being considered:

- A street-level design that would cost about \$320 million; or
- An underground route would cost about \$518 million.

East-West Gateway released

the estimated costs Wednesday. It is expected to announce its decision on the design June 30.

The extension will be funded through a quarter-cent city and county sales tax approved by voters in 1994.

About \$384 million in federal funds was used to help build the existing MetroLink, said Tom Curran, a planner for St. Louis County. In addition, \$116 million worth of rail tracks, tunnels and land was used for right of ways, he said.

St. Louis Mayor Clarence Harmon, a director on East-West Gateway, said Wednesday he remains skeptical about the safety of building the extension at street level. He attended a public meeting Monday in the Skunker-DeBaliviere neighborhood where presentations about train safety were made.

"What I saw the other night indicated that surface systems can be hazardous, particularly at busy intersections," Harmon said.

Harmon said he is waiting to see the report from St. Louis' street department before making a decision on which design to support. The report will be completed sometime in May, he said. Officials with the Coalition

for Underground Expansion, a group of residents and neighborhood organizations who want the extension built underground, said they are pleased research is being conducted on the safety issue.

"Anything that is fact-based that can be used to evaluate the alternatives is great," said Suzanne Seiff, a coalition member.

But several municipal leaders said they are already convinced the street-level design would be safe.

"I am not fearful of (street-level) crossings at busy intersections," said Tim Dunn, chairman of the Maplewood MetroLink Commission and a Maplewood councilman.

He said that of 18 light-rail train systems in the nation, 11 were completely accident-free in 1997.

St. Louis County Executive George "Buz" Westfall said only safe options have been considered by the coordinating council.

"Safety is of paramount importance," Westfall said. "All options are safe."

He said the decision should be made based on which design would be the most efficient.

Harmon challenges status quo in State of the City address

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

The city's captain is ready to rock the boat.

In his "State of the City" address before the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, Mayor Clarence Harmon focused on the city's recent progress and a need to challenge the status quo.

"In approaching our future together, we must be prepared, where necessary, to rock the boat in order to shape our destiny," Harmon said.

That led him to announce the city is suing the gun industry for the harms of gun violence.

Nevertheless, Harmon took time during his nearly 30-minute address to highlight some of the major developments of the last 12 months, including the Downtown convention hotel deal, the Darts-Webb redevelopment and the expansion of the loft district on Washington Avenue.

Besides Downtown progress, Harmon pointed to the new grocery store at South Grand Boulevard and Iron Street, Market Place of Holly Hills, and the proposed new housing on the old Sears site in the Dutchman neighborhood.

"Clearly we are building for the future, not just in Downtown, but throughout our neighborhoods," Harmon said.

Harmon said the city has made significant strides in the last several months. A public safety bond issue was passed to provide funds for the fire and police departments as well as for demolition of unsafe buildings.

The recent desegregation settlement allows an opportunity to reform the

school system, he said. Harmon said the addition of charter schools will give parents more educational choices.

And in addition to gaining the national spotlight during Mark McGwire's home run chase and the papal visit, the city won designation as a federal Empowerment Zone, which could pump as much as \$100 million during the next decade into distressed neighborhoods in the metropolitan area.

"St. Louis has gained

added respect, both from its own citizens and from observers across the nation and around the world," Harmon said. "Clearly we are on the right track."

That track includes frank discussions on the issue of race in St. Louis, the mayor said. Several initiatives in the recent past have increased dialogue about a plight which Harmon said has hampered the city's progress for too long.

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Town hall meeting reveals apathy, concern on school-based violence

By Sonia Ahuja
Staff writer

Turnout at a town hall meeting last week in Brentwood on school violence indicates both "sitge apathy" and "passionate concern" about the issue, according to the moderator.

Only about two dozen people showed up for the open panel discussion Tuesday at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd.

The meeting, broadcast live on radio station KTRS-AM (550), came exactly one week after shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., left 14 students and one teacher dead. The two killers, who killed themselves at the scene, were also students at the school.

Moderator Donn Johnson, KTRS' Morning News co-host, said the response reveals both apathy and passion.

"Some believe the issue is not close enough to home because (the shootings) didn't happen here," Johnson said.

"But on the other hand, the people who came were honest, open and sincere. And many came from as far asureka, Pacific and Wentzville to voice their opinions in the hopes of really accomplishing something."

Panel participants agreed

that making schools safer begins with parents, but also requires society as a whole to be involved in the lives of children.

Simplistic solutions, such as installing metal detectors in schools, would not solve the nationwide problem, panel members agreed.

Paul Harris, KTRS talk show host, said metal detectors are not the answer. He called the "easy scapegoat syndrome."

Learning why kids are driven to violence must be a priority, not just looking for "easy answers," he said.

Kids need to know any information they provide about potential problems at their schools will be kept confidential, said Ed Tulin, a panel member and senior at Marquette High School, in the Rockwood School District.

"But when the kids get to middle school, (the kids) begin to push away their parents," Tulin said. "We have to resist the temptation to give their kids more space, because

this is the time they need (parents) the most."

Safe schools must be a community effort, said Brentwood Mayor Mark Kurtz.

"It is our responsibility as members of a community to make sure educators are working with the police department to make schools a safe place," Kurtz said. More funding must be made available to deal with problems before they lead to violence, he said.

Others agreed.

"This is a very political issue... (and) we don't allocate enough money for education and social services," said Sue Stepleton, executive director of Edgewood Children's Center, a center in Webster Groves for severely emotionally disturbed children.

People need to pay attention to warning signs of troubled behavior, Stepleton said. Some of signs include radical changes in dress, use of controlled substances and withdrawing socially, she said.

Other panel members were Ron Ganschitz, principal of Collinsville High School and a victim of a shooting in 1977 by a suspended student; Fred Crawford, chief of security for the Parkway School District; and Jack Plummer, division of patrol commanding officer, St. Louis County Police Department.

Meetings take on added significance

By Heather Cole
Staff writer

Some meetings on preventing violence in schools are taking on an added seriousness due to the recent shootings at a high school in Littleton, Colo.

A meeting of school security professionals Tuesday at Parkway North High School was planned partly in response to shootings last year at some schools across the country, including a middle school in Jonesboro, Ark., said Frederick T. Crawford, chief of safety and security for the Parkway School District.

School security personnel and administrators from St. Louis, Jefferson and Franklin counties and Kansas City attended the meeting, which was inspired by a similar meeting in December in Kansas City, Crawford said. Both meetings included brainstorming sessions, he said.

"We had an open forum and learned quite a bit about everything from budgeting and procedures and managing of staff to issues like student IDs, dress codes, keys, alarm systems... trying to identify youth at risk and how to act as a resource to the school principal and make his or her job easier," Crawford said.

The mood at Tuesday's meeting was affected by the Littleton shootings, Crawford said.

"I noticed there was a definite, professional concern as to how to reduce any future violence," he said. "How do we address the 95 percent of students who are good students, and make sure they're in a safe climate, and how do we address the 5 percent who are troublemakers for the general population?"

The leading course at a training session this week is "Drugs, Guns and Gangs in Missouri Schools." The session is to run Monday through Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center at the Lake of the Ozarks. It is sponsored by the Missouri Crime Prevention Association, Inc.

The course topic was planned about a year ago, said director of the association. The focus of the course, led by John More, an attorney from Delaware, is what school resource officers and educators can do within Missouri law to address problems in schools. School resource officers are police officers assigned to schools.

Information on search and seizure, arrests, physical restraint, documentation and the use of cameras and metal detectors will be included in the course.

"People generally come away with the feeling of 'I

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